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I think is best for Marion County,” she told reporters.

Peterson’s proposal would have created a single 1,500 officer county police department. Currently, IPD serves the central area of Marion County while sheriff’s deputies patrol the outlying townships.

Originally, Sheriff Frank Anderson opposed the plan because he felt it would jeopardize his ability to function effectively as an elected sheriff chosen by the will of people.

Some Black civic leaders expressed concerns that the merger would undermine the authority of Anderson, Marion County’s first African-American sheriff. But Anderson endorsed the proposal last Friday after a few 11th-hour changes, including those that would secure police pensions, set aside more time to properly plan the merger and make him in leader of the new force.

Having the sheriff in control was unacceptable to Franklin, an arson investigator with IPD who wanted authority to remain with the city’s police chief. A U.S. Army veteran who has served with IPD for 15 years, Franklin said she wasn’t against a consolidated agency but had concerns as to “who would be in charge” and determine its direction.

Franklin, who represents a district in Lawrence, also had the desires of her constituents to consider. Lawrence already has its own police department, and many residents there are not really interested in the idea of consolidation.

Franklin’s name has been tied to sev-

eral historic votes on and off the council. In 2003 she was narrowly elected to her council seat by 13 votes, defeating longtime incumbent Republican Curtis Coonrod. In January she was one of three Democrats who joined Republicans in ousting Rozelle Boyd as president of the council, replacing him with Steve Talley.

Peterson said a merger would be needed to not only promote efficiency, but also save money and prevent 48 IPD layoffs in the face of a potential budget crisis that could leave local law enforcement strapped for cash by 2009.

But opponents criticized the mayor for not offering specifics on the savings and expressed concern that that consolidation could increase property taxes in local townships by \$30 million. Also, many police officers and sheriff’s deputies were not keen on the idea of combining two different departments.

“We feel in the Republican caucus the plan is just not good public policy, there aren’t enough details,” council minority leader Phil Borst said to those attending the meeting.

Vince Huber, president of the local Fraternal Order of Police, was pleased with the councilors who voted against what he called “an unreasonable and inadequate” plan.

“The proposal was ineffective and lacked answers on how public safety would be maintained,” he said. “We would like to thank the citizens who worked with us in defeating a plan that would have compromised their safety.”

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being a lack of awareness and trust with trial administrators.

Federal and state legislation has long been enacted to correct the historical abuses that have been perpetrated on minorities with regards to clinical trials. Still, there remains a level of apprehension that, if left unchecked, bears the potential to further obstruct proper health care for communities in dire need.

To combat this stigma, the Indiana Minority Health Coalition has teamed with pharmaceuticals maker Pfizer to create a public awareness and education campaign. The campaign's goal is to increase minority awareness and participation levels by educating the public about the purpose and benefits of clinical trials.

Through this partnership, the entities also seek to create and maintain a network for prospective participants, in addition to providing a support structure for research participants and their health care providers.

The partnership gives Pfizer a credible community-based organization to back its intention of increasing the disparagingly low participation rate of Hoosier minorities.

"No one should be blind to the fact that clinical research is critically important," said Diane Jorkasky, MD, Pfizer's vice president of Global Clinical Research. "In the past, there has been a lack of information sharing and miscommunication, which has led to a lack of trust. We have to look across diverse backgrounds; the medical community cannot assume data can be extrapolated to apply to everyone."

For the IMHC, the new partnership is simply the extension of its mission. Having addressed minority health concerns for Hoosiers since 1992, the coalition has no illusions of the difficulties in recruiting minorities for clinical research trials.

However, with a concerted effort highlighted by honest dialogue, the organization sees this partnership as a means to help ensure minority stakeholders are properly served by the medical community.

"We're seeking to raise the comfort level for people to have open discussions about this process," said IMHC President/CEO Nancy Jewell. "We know we need to have research that is more culturally diverse, and we want to establish an infrastructure where the community feels good about clinical trials."

Given the many needs facing minority health, the clinical trials offered through this partnership are both diverse and abundant. Participants can engage in week or month-long studies, and some provide money or medication for participation. Each participant can also set their respective level of participation, depending on the trial.

Importantly, the risks and benefits of the trial will be conveyed to each participant prior to the trial, while the practitioners also take particular care in monitoring a participant's safety in addition to a drug's effectiveness.

"Whether or not individuals participate is their decision," Jorkasky said. "At the end of the day, what we care about is that they never even knew this opportunity was available to them. That's what we're trying to change."

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Governor's Awards

Gov. Mitch Daniels and Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman honored nearly 100 state businesses last week during the Governor's Century and Half Century Business Awards ceremony. All of the businesses honored have remained in operation for 50 or 100 years and have also demonstrated a history of community service.



SBC Indiana has been in business for 122 years. SBC President George Fleetwood receives the Century Award from Daniels and Skillman.



Harmon Construction Inc. was awarded for 50 years of service. Pictured (left to right) are Daniels, Bill Harmon, Linda Harmon, Billy Harmon and Skillman.



The Indianapolis Recorder has served the African American community for 110 years. Daniels and Skillman present the distinguished award to Recorder staffers (left to right) Publisher Rep. Carolene Mays, Business Office Manager Angie Kuhn, Editor Shannon Williams and Sales and Marketing Manager LeRoy Lewis III. (Photos/J. Hurst)

Race motivates most hate crimes, FBI says

(AP) — Racial prejudice lay behind more than half the 7,649 hate crimes reported to the FBI in 2004, the bureau said this week. Hate crimes against Black Americans were most prevalent.

The number of race-based incidents rose by 5 percent last year to 4,042 from 3,844. Authorities identified prejudice against Blacks in 2,731 of those crimes, the FBI said.

Overall, the number of hate crimes grew by just 2 percent compared with the 7,489 in 2003, and there were slight declines in crimes motivated by bias based on sexual orientation and ethnicity, the FBI said.

The data also showed that crimes against Muslims have leveled off since a spike following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. "We tend to see the number of bias incidents go in cycles in large part tied to international events," said Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations. "It has leveled off since 9/11, but unfortunately at a higher level than prior to 9/11."

In 2001, there were 481 anti-Islamic incidents. There have been around 150 in the three years since, the FBI said.

Among anti-religious hate crimes, anti-Jewish incidents have long been the most common. Of the 1,374 incidents of religious bias, 954 were directed at Jews, the FBI said.

The information was supplied by 12,711 local law enforcement agencies nationwide covering nearly 87 percent of the U.S. population.

Because the number of police agencies reporting varies each year under the voluntary system established by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990, officials caution against drawing conclusions about trends in hate crime volumes between years. They say the figures provide a rough picture of the general nature of hate crimes.

CULTURAL

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evant teaching assert that the reason why some minority students get into trouble at school and perform poorly academically is because they have a negative perception about school, and see it as an extension of an unjust society where racism and low expectations still thrive, and Black males (although only 5 percent of the U.S. population) represent 60 percent of the prison population.

Schools appear as institutions that represent dominant Anglo-Saxon culture and seek to assimilate minority groups, as well as students (Black and white) who are part of the so-called "hip-hop" generation, despite the fact that these students already have their own set of cultural norms, including certain styles of dress, music, dialect and artistic attitude.

Also, advocates believe, many minority students simply don't often see their culture represented or endorsed in traditional schools and see very little in the curriculum that seems relevant to their cultural experiences. As a result minority students who fit into "the standardized box" of traditional education excel, but others end up rebelling against the education system altogether (even to their own detriment) because they don't see it as the appropriate response to their needs.

"Schools will not work if school success is determined by students having to choose between their culture and the school's culture," said Evans, whose institute has studied culturally relevant

methods in school systems in Germany and India. He cited a recent Australian study that indicated that many students there from Aboriginal (native) families are also rejecting "assimilationist" schools after generations of white oppression.

Skeptics dismiss the premise of culturally relevant teaching as an excuse for laziness disruptive behavior, and supporters concede that there are individual circumstances of misbehavior where students are simply being stubborn and hardheaded. But they emphasize that the "one-size-fits-all" and "law and order at all costs" concept of teaching does not work among lower middle class students dealing with issues of racism and poverty.

Advocates suggest that effective teaching involves both in-depth knowledge of the subject matters as well as the students. Teachers, they say, can use real life cultural experiences with the "official" curriculum to help students build on what they already know and are already familiar with to learn what they need to know to be successful.

Culturally relevant teaching also calls for the apprenticeship of students in a community of learning as opposed to a detached, isolated way. Diversity and variations of culture is welcomed in the classroom, and social and scientific contributions of particular cultural groups are highlighted and legitimized, which inspires students in those groups.

Culturally relevant teaching in brief

The following information breaks down some of the differences between culturally relevant teaching (CRT) and "assimilationist" (or traditional) teaching (AT). The concepts of culturally relevant teaching were popularized in the book *Dreamkeepers: Successful Teachers of African-American Children* by Gloria Ladson Billings:

CRT- Teacher helps students make connections between their community, national and global identities.

AT- Teacher homogenizes (or assimilates) students into one "American" identity

CRT- Teacher-student relationship is fluid, humanely equitable, extends to interactions beyond the classroom and into the community.

AT- Teacher-student relationship is fixed, tends to be hierarchical and limited to formal classroom roles.

CRT- Teacher sees himself/herself as an artist and teaching as an art.

AT- Teacher sees himself/herself as technician teaching as a technical task.

CRT- Teacher believes all students can succeed.

AT- Teacher believes failure is inevitable for some.

CRT- Teacher sees excellence as a complex standard that may involve some postulates but takes student diversity and individual differences into account.

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The free summit is a community wide event that celebrates family, while sharing important information and presenting helpful resources.

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Laughter is the Best Medicine

Laughter is the Best Medicine, a silent auction and event benefiting programs of the Indiana Minority Health Coalition (IMHC), was held Tuesday at the Marriott Hotel downtown. Rep. Carolene Mays, publisher and general manager of the Recorder accepts an award honoring the publication's To Your Health section that focuses on various health issues and awareness among the minority community. Nancy Jewell, IMHC president and CEO is in the background.



Flamenco dancer Erica Dominguez. (Photos/J. Hurst)




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Mayor calls for more involvement in effort to end homelessness

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Robert Starkey knows the positive impact supportive services and community outreach can have on the homeless. Starkey was once homeless and struggling with drug addiction before his life was changed with the help of friends, family and the counselors at the Action Coalition to Ensure Stability (ACES), a local organization that has assisted hundreds of local homeless residents.

Now Starkey will use his experience to help those experiencing homelessness and spread the word to the community that their involvement is key to ending and preventing homelessness in Indianapolis.

Joined by Starkey and dozens of homelessness advocates, business leaders and service providers, Mayor Bart Peterson launched Indy Homeless Connect, a new initiative aimed at connecting homeless residents with a myriad of supportive services and getting more citizens and businesses engaged in homelessness issues.

Modeled after a program in San Francisco, Indy Homeless Connect is an outgrowth of the city's Blueprint to End Homelessness that will bring together several core services for the homeless into one location. These services include medical care, food, mental health counseling, vision care, legal advice and housing assistance, as well as non-essential, add-on services like free phone calls, massages, a book giveaway and haircuts.

This care and outreach will be provided with the direct help of many homeless service providers, additional corporate participation, and hundreds of volunteers, including Starkey, who has joined the organizing committee for Indy Homeless Connect.

The inaugural Indy Homeless Connect event is set for Dec. 13, at the Indiana

Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Event planners expect to serve at least 750 homeless residents that day with the help of up to 700 plus volunteers and service providers.

"This past September, Indianapolis and communities across the country came together in an unprecedented fashion to aid the thousands of victims left homeless in the aftermath of Katrina," said Mayor Peterson. "After seeing the tremendous results of this relief effort, I am convinced that we as a community can and will do more to help the homeless and those in housing crisis within our own neighborhoods. Indy Homeless Connect is Indianapolis' opportunity to get more engaged in this long-term effort to end pervasive homelessness in our city."

"Indy Homeless Connect is more than a single day of outreach and service," Peterson said. "It's about getting the Indianapolis community - from residents to corporations - to make a commitment to being part of the long-term solutions to homelessness."

To that end, the mayor announced that two local companies have stepped-up to make the first corporate donations to the Indianapolis Housing Trust Fund, a public account dedicated to expanding affordable housing opportunities for low and very low income households.

Creations Title Agency LLC, a joint venture between Oak Street Mortgage and Nations Holding Co., and AAR Aircraft Services, have both committed to donations totaling \$75,000 to the trust fund.

The official Indy Connect Web site, www.IndyHomelessConnect.com has been launched. It allows residents and businesses to access information on events, sign-up to volunteer, make donations to the Housing Trust Fund, and contribute in-kind services or donations for the Dec. 13 Indy Connect event.

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Michael Wolley (left), jail chaplain, and Robert Bingham, chief probation officer, watch the Annie E. Casey Foundation's video titled "These Are Our Kids: Transforming Juvenile Detention In Three Cities" during the symposium.



Mary Busch, member of the Indianapolis Public School Board attended the event, which also focused on the protection of abused and neglected children. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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EDITORIAL

Sherron Franklin was right



By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor

I'll be honest with everyone...I was really surprised when the mayor's consolidation plan didn't pass the City-County Council earlier this week.

The plan consisted of combining the Indianapolis Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Department in an effort to continuously supply public safety funding. The consolidation was estimated to save \$9 million. But now, all of those hopes are at least temporarily vanished and the mayor has to devise a new strategy for the impending shortfall of \$40 million that experts expect by 2009.

Originally, I thought Mayor Bart Peterson's plan would pass the Democrat-controlled council because of party loyalty, but obviously that wasn't the case in this particular instance, as Councilwoman Sherron Franklin was once again the swing vote that resulted in a 15-14 opposition.

After looking at things from all perspectives, I've surmised that Franklin, who is a police officer, did the right thing by voting against the consolidation.

One of the biggest obstacles politicians have to face is oftentimes pressure from their fellow party politicians. Many politicians don't have the guts to take a stance against their party, specifically regarding issues that are as partisan as the mayor's consolidation plan. Franklin, whose district is mostly Republican, voted for her constituency - she did what she felt was best for residents in her district. The added benefit is that being a member of the police force, what was best for Franklin's district happened to be the best for her as well.

In the past, I haven't been extremely impressed with Franklin's stance on key issues (remember she, Steve Talley, Angela Mansfield and Dane Mahern were the four Democrats that voted to oust Rozelle Boyd from his presidency), but this time around, she definitely gets my vote. Franklin does however, somewhat intrigue me. I often wonder what's going through her mind, why she voted this way, why she reacts that way...it will be certainly interesting to see how her political career unfolds in the future. Will she seek re-election? Has her voting impressed her mostly Republican constituents enough to allow her to represent them for a second term? Will she leave politics alone and concentrate on her public safety career? Or will she try to run for a higher office? I guess we'll know in another two years.

On a different note to the same issue, Sheriff Frank Anderson who previously was adamant about not supporting the mayor's consolidation plan changed his mind in the 12th hour and announced his support only three days before the City-County Council was to vote.

Anderson is facing a lot of criticism from members of the community as well as his own department because they feel he was only looking out for himself once he changed his mind.

While Anderson is entitled to change his mind as often as he wants, I'm not buying his reasoning regarding the consolidation.

Anderson claims he was unclear about certain aspects of his position under the mayor's plan which was actually very clearly stated. I would have more respect for the sheriff had he simply said he changed his mind without offering any reasoning - at least then he wouldn't look like a contradictory, self-absorbed, power-happy public official that tells fibs just to hang with the big dogs. I wonder the impact this mind change will have on his future as sheriff as well.

By AMOS BROWN III



A white American citizen was denied their Constitutional right to vote in Indiana last week, the result of our state's heinous Voter ID law.

Three Hoosier hamlets - Winfield (pop. 2,298), Cambridge City (pop. 2,121) and

Montezuma (pop. 1,179) held special elections Nov. 8 and were the first to adhere to the draconian standards of Indiana's "Deny Americans Their Right to Vote Law" (aka Voter ID).

The Hoosier denied their right to vote was in Cambridge City. According to NewsLink Indiana, Ball State University's broadcast news service, a Cambridge City voter was denied the right to vote because they forgot their photo ID. To add injury to insult that voter's denied Constitutional right, NewsLink also said Cambridge City election officials mistakenly "refused a provisional ballot" to the voter.

The reason a white bore got caught up by a law designed to keep Blacks from voting is because African Americans are scarcer than truth in the Bush administration in Winfield (0.4 percent Black), Cambridge City (0.3 percent Black) and Montezuma (2.1 percent Black).

WISH-TV (Channel 8) also reported on the debut of Indiana's "Keep Blacks and Hispanics from Voting Law." Both Channel 8 and NewsLink found Hoosier skepticism about the new law along with abject ignorance over the law's intentions.

One Cambridge City voter liked Voter ID telling WISH-TV political reporter Jim Shella, "I think it's a good idea myself. It keeps the illegal aliens out, I guess," said John Harrod.

Harrod's analysis is totally uninformed since illegal aliens and other non-citizens can easily obtain Indiana Driver's Licenses and could vote, despite Voter ID.

NewsLink found that many who

voted last week felt "inconvenienced" by the heinous new law. Other seemingly understood that Voter ID will deny many Americans, including white senior citizens, their Constitutional voting rights.

"A lot of elderly people won't be able to show up if they have a disability, not because of bad eyesight or something like that," voter Shirley Gibson said. "But it's going to be hard for them to get a driver's license since they don't drive. It's sort of taking away their right to vote."

The elections last week were in Indiana's equivalent of Mayberry; towns where everybody knows your name. "Most of us here know everybody, it's (Voter ID) not a problem," Laurie Griffin told Channel 8.

But other Hoosiers who first experienced this malicious new law seem to understand that when expanded to the entire state there's gonna be problems.

A poll inspector, Rebekah Robbins, told Shella, "I think it will make a bigger difference in a larger town where you don't know your neighbor."

The first acid test of the "No Blacks, Hispanics and Seniors Can Vote Law" comes in Indiana's primary and school board elections on May 2, unless an enlightened federal court intervenes to guarantee that an American's right to vote isn't abridged because of a photograph.

What I'm hearing in the streets

It is a tradition that former presidents of the United States don't publicly diss the current or other ex-presidents. But when he was in Indianapolis last week, former President Bill Clinton did find ways to criticize the Bush administration. And in doing so outlined some areas where Democrats differ from Republicans.

Clinton explicitly criticized the Bush administration's penchant for acting unilaterally in world affairs. From rejecting the Kyoto Treaty to virtually acting alone in Iraq, Clinton criticized

the United States' current proclivity for doing what we want, when we want because we're the world's only superpower.

The former president also bitterly criticized the huge federal deficits the Bush administration has amassed; especially coming after the budget surplus President Clinton left the country. Former President Clinton also criticized the Bush tax cuts, which benefited wealthy Americans "like me."

"This is the first time in American history where we are fighting a war and cutting taxes at the same time," Clinton told the 10,000 cheering spectators at Hinkle Fieldhouse. Clinton also said that the Chinese and Middle Eastern nations are the ones buying our debt and fueling our deficit. The former president warned of dire consequences, which could occur in the future if we don't reduce these deficits.

Clinton also spoke about job growth saying that if America seriously searched to develop new alternative energy sources, like wind and solar energy, the United States would reduce its dependence on Middle Eastern oil and generate thousands of good paying jobs in America.

Clinton warned that other nations, like India and China are catching up to us in technology. So it's "critical" that America regain its technological superiority by leading on alternative energy technology.

Bill Clinton's mantra of an America exercising fiscal responsibility while helping the least among us, developing new jobs while creating new energy sources and returning to international cooperation not confrontation is an agenda Democrats and many Americans can embrace. It can be a winning formula for regaining power in Washington.

See 'ya next week!

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Renewed attacks on affirmative action

By GEORGE E. CURRY
For NNPA



Despite a landmark Supreme Court ruling upholding the legality of the University of

Michigan's law school affirmative action program, such programs are coming under increasing attacks, sometimes with the complicity of the Justice Department.

A recent example involves a letter the Justice Department sent to officials at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale charging that three graduate fellowship programs designed to increase underrepresented women and people of color are unfair to whites and males. The Justice Department said if the SIU programs are not terminated, it will sue the institution. University officials have requested a meeting and an extension to avert a legal showdown.

The three fellowships under attack are the Pro-active Recruitment and Multicultural Professionals for Tomorrow, the Graduate Dean's Program and the Bridge to Doctorate. University officials told the Daily Egyptian, the campus newspaper, that 129 such fellowships have been awarded since 2000, with 12 percent going to whites. Most university fellowships are open to all students and make no effort to increase the presence of people of color on campus.

Less than 8 percent of Southern Illinois University's 5,500 graduate students are Black or Latino.

The attacks on affirmative action are being led by right-wing think tanks, notably the Center for Equal Opportunity, headed by Linda Chavez and based in Sterling, Va. It has filed complaints with the Justice Department against

SIU and North Carolina State University.

Even more troubling than attacks on programs designed to end the under representation of people of color and women is the way that many universities have caved in without putting up a fight.

Roger Clegg, vice president and general counsel for the Center for Equal Opportunity, told the Daily Egyptian newspaper: "We have contacted hundreds of schools over the past few years about programs like this. The overwhelming majority have changed the programs after we contacted them."

In other words, the think tank has been able to accomplish through threats what it could not achieve in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The attack on affirmative action extends beyond graduate fellowship programs.

Last year, Clegg testified before the Texas Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education to oppose even the 10 percent plan favored by President Bush. Under the program, the top 10 percent of each graduating class is guaranteed admission to the University of Texas.

The crudest hoax is that the likes of Clegg are citing laws specifically designed to help African

Americans - the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin - to dismantle programs that, if successful, would close the gap between people of color and whites. In an effort

to identify all race- and gender-conscious programs - presumably so that they, too, can be attacked - Clegg's group has drafted what it calls a model "Racial and Ethnic Preference Disclosure Act" for states and the federal government to adopt.

The proposal for federal legislation would require annual reports from all institutions of higher education that receive federal funding.

Section 2 of the draft legislation states: "This report shall begin with a statement of whether race, color, or national origin is considered in the student admission process (if different departments within the institution have separate admission processes and consider race, color or national origin differently, then the report shall provide the information required by this report for each department separately)."

This is part of a larger campaign by the misnamed Center for Equal Opportunity to eliminate all programs that address racial inequality. It has compiled a 41-page list of legal provisions in every state that it finds objectionable.

Among them: an Alabama law that requires that half of the trustees of predominantly Black Alabama State University be African Americans, an Illinois provision that

requires that five of the nine members of a Women's Business Ownership Council be female, a Kentucky law that requires that school board screening committees in communities where people of color constitute at least 8 percent be represented by at least one African-American committee member, and a Colorado law that insists that financial institutions holding state investment funds give priority for business loans to women and people of color.

Prodded by the civil rights movement, the nation has made progress in reducing racial, ethnic and gender discrimination. However, that progress will come to an abrupt halt if right-wing groups are successful in their campaign to eliminate all race-, ethnic- and gender-conscious corrective programs.

Sadly, so-called progressives have failed to counter the right-wing attack on affirmative action.

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Frustrated Scowcroft assails neo-cons, Cheney

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WASHINGTON (NNPA) — One week after a top aide to former Secretary of State Colin Powell issued a blistering attack on foreign policy-making in the George W. Bush administration, Brent Scowcroft, who served as national security adviser under Bush's father, assailed neo-conservatives who persuaded the president to go to war in Iraq.

In an interview with New Yorker magazine, Scowcroft, whose relations with the Bush administration have been badly strained since he publicly warned against invading Iraq seven months before U.S. troops crossed over from Kuwait, argued that the invasion was counter-productive.

"This was said to be part of the war on terror, but Iraq feeds terrorism," Scowcroft told the magazine, adding that the war risked moving public opinion against any new foreign policy commitments for some time, just as the Vietnam War did during the late-1970s and through the 1980s.

"Vietnam was visceral in the American people," said Scowcroft,

who also served as national security adviser in the mid-1970s under former President Gerald Ford. "This was a really bitter period, and it turned us against foreign-policy adventures deeply. This is not that deep, (but) ...we're moving in that direction."

Scowcroft's remarks come at a critical moment. According to recent opinion polls, the government's performance in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Bush's original choice of his personal attorney to serve on the Supreme Court, and the lack of progress achieved in Iraq have combined to put the president's approval ratings at below 40 percent.

Moreover, a grand jury has indicted Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, and is still investigating Bush's chief political adviser, Karl Rove.

The administration was also unpleasantly surprised by the cascading media coverage given to a talk at the New America Foundation (NAF) recently by Col. (Ret.) Lawrence Wilkerson, Powell's top aide for some 16 years. He accused Cheney and Pentagon chief Donald Rumsfeld of leading a "cabal" that circumvented the formal policy-making and intelligence processes

in order to take the country to war in Iraq.

Wilkerson, whose longstanding personal and professional closeness to Powell has been widely noted, also accused Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, a Scowcroft protégée from Bush I, of condoning the cabal's machinations and failing to ensure an open policy-making process in which all reasonable voices and options were heard when she served as Bush's national security advisor during his first term.

Scowcroft, a former Air Force general who has long been seen as George H.W. Bush's closest friend, if not alter ego, was not nearly as scathing as Wilkerson, although some of his opinions echoed those of Powell's former chief of staff. While Wilkerson's words reflected deep anger and frustration, Scowcroft comes across in the interview as regretful but resigned.

Of Cheney, who worked closely with Scowcroft as secretary of Defense under Bush I and White House chief of staff under Ford, Scowcroft expressed bewilderment. "The real anomaly in the administration is Cheney," he said. "I consider Cheney a good friend - I've known him for 30 years. But Dick Cheney I don't know anymore."

Cheney, he said, appeared to have been taken with a presentation by Bernard Lewis, an octogenarian Middle East scholar from Princeton University, who had been invited to the White House soon after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. According to Scowcroft, Lewis' message was, "I believe that one of the things you've got to do to Arabs is hit them between the eyes with a big stick. They respect power."

"I don't think Cheney is a neo-con, but allied to the core of neo-cons is that bunch who thought we made a mistake in the first Gulf War, that we should have finished the job," Scowcroft told New Yorker.

On the foreign policy-making process, Scowcroft also implicitly echoed Wilkerson's contention that the views of dissenters from the Cheney-Rumsfeld line, including himself, were either ignored or screened out.

When a frustrated Scowcroft published his warning against invading Iraq in August 2002, Rice telephoned him and asked, according to another source, "How could you do this to us?"

"What bothered Brent more than Condi yelling at him was the fact that here she is, the national security advisor, and she's not interested in

hearing what a former national security advisor had to say," according to the source.

Indeed, one of the most important differences between foreign policy-making by Bush I and Bush II was the openness of the process to dissenting opinions, according to John Sununu, Bush I's chief of staff.

"We always made sure the president was hearing all the possibilities," he told New Yorker, a view that was implicitly endorsed by the former president himself. In an e-mail message, the elder Bush described Scowcroft as being "very good about making sure that we did not simply consider the 'best case,' but instead considered what it would mean if things went our way, and also if they did not."

The willingness to consider what could go wrong, as well as what could go right, is one of the most profound critiques of the current administration made by Scowcroft, widely considered a classic "realist", of both the current administration's policy process and the neo-conservative influence on it.



Democrats should borrow a page from Alito backers

By RON WALTERS
For NNPA



Most folks have bypassed how Judge Samuel Alito was nominated to talk about his record. But I want to back up a bit and start the record over, so you don't miss that.

You have just witnessed one of the most cold-blooded displays of raw political power in American politics by the right wing of the Republican Party. The fact that Harriet Meiers was rejected at all by the dominant wing of George Bush's party is an unusual show of brass, causing a rebellion that I have not seen lately in any party, especially Democrats.

It is an object lesson in leverage politics that has somehow evaded the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. Progressives grouse about right-wing decisions made by leaders in the Democratic Party, granting them absolution by emphasizing why it was done, and apologizing because the devil (Republicans) made them do it, rather than demanding accountability to an agenda.

In fact, this may be the surest sign that progressives either do not have an agenda, or that they are unwilling to do what conservatives have done and do the politics necessary to get it accepted by the party leadership.

This is an important point because the grouching has pointed to the weak-kneed leadership of the Democratic Party when, in truth, the weakness lay in the get-along attitude of liberals, progressives, etc. who should be demanding the same kind accountability for their agenda.

A traditional rule of politics that is not well understood is that leaders most often only get as much backbone as is demanded by their organized constituencies.

This is especially true of organized labor. Labor has witnessed time and again, recent defections by a Democratic president and his party from its agenda on trade deals, foreign investment, and worker support measures, and still it has not demanded accountability.

Then, at election time they uncritically pour into the coffers of the Democratic Party and its presidential nominees millions of dollars on the grounds that there is no other choice. This may be true, but what did they do in the interim to make the party and its nominees earn their support? Why isn't organized labor Exhibit A of leverage politics, given

that they still have some power left? In fact, if they would be more aggressive, perhaps people would stand tall for something.

These chicken eggs of leverage politics that the Republican right has hatched will come home to roost. Because now the question is: To what force will Alito owe his allegiance? To Bush? To the far-right wing of the Republican Party? The real answer is that he will owe both because the far-right is Bush's base and this poses a problem for our comparison of why progressive Democrats have not been able to exact the same accountability. The strength and therefore, the role of ardent conservatives and progressives are different within the Republican and Democratic parties.

A big reason we didn't see this kind of leverage during the eight years of the Clinton administration is because Clinton did not come out of the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. Clinton was head of the rightward-leaning Democratic Leadership Council and governed from that posture. So if any faction of the party could hold him most accountable, it was that constituency.

Progressives balked at Clinton's welfare reform proposal to the extent that Jesse Jackson led a protest demonstration outside of the White House and key officials in Department of Health and Human Services resigned. Nothing happened. Clinton wasn't listening.

So this says something important about the dramatic throw-down the right-wing recently played on Bush: if progressives and their allies in the Democratic Party want to be able to hold a president accountable to their agenda, they have to lead and to work harder at producing one from among their ranks.

The alternative is that they must utilize their leverage power so effectively in the election of a president that when he or she governs, they will have to think twice about crossing them. Democrats cannot win without Black votes, but as long as they are given without strings, then very little comes back. This is critical because Blacks are in a nonviolent war with far-right conservatives over their control of government and for Blacks not to be able to exercise their political influence is a life or death matter for millions of people.

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EDUCATION DOES MATTER

Teaching with courage

By LEROY ROBINSON



In continuing with the theme from last week, we are attempting to find solutions to the most highly debated topic in the field of public school education today...closing the achievement gap.

Last week, we looked at North Glen Elementary School, located in the middle class community of Morris Hills in Baltimore. A school community where African-American students are closing the achievement gap by outperforming many of their white classmates on the annual state standardized test.

Two-fifths of the elementary school students at North Glen come from poor families that qualify for free and reduced lunch, but they have seen their scores rise over 90 percent during the last three years.

Needless to say, these African-American students could not achieve this outstanding feat alone. They undoubtedly had the support of their parents, community, and staff of educators.

This is the key. If we are able to convince those that educate our young people that closing the achievement gap is a reality, and reaching this "under-served" population is a possibility, academic equality for all students can be attained.

One such initiative that is continuing to grow and make a difference in the education community is the locally sponsored Infusion Conference. Hosted by the Indianapolis Public Schools and the Office of Multicultural Education, this year's 18th Annual event was titled Teaching With Courage.

Recently held during the end of October at Crispus Attucks Middle School, with over 400 attendees, including educators, community leaders, parents, and pre-service teachers from various colleges and universities, IPS Superintendent Dr. Eugene G. White gave the opening address via a satellite connection from Atlanta.

After a rousing and motivating address, question and answer session, and numerous interruptions due to applause, the large numbers of eager participants were directed to attend one of seven informative workshops.

The concurrent workshops lasted for almost two hours and the themes included:

- Culturally Responsive Education for African-American Males.
- The Growing Hispanic Population: Implications for Education.
- Book Analysis and Classroom Application: Black Children - Their Roots, Culture, and Learning Styles.
- Courageous Teaching: Effective/Cognitive Domains and Effective Practices.
- Special Education: Courageous Strat-

egies to Prevent Over Representation of Children of Color.

- Infusing African and African History throughout the Curriculum.
- A Dialogue with Young Black Males.

Participants could move from workshop to workshop or they could remain in one for its entirety. However, with such a wide range of diverse concepts and ideas, each presentation sent the audience members away educated, empowered, and most importantly...informed.

The afternoon keynote address featured long time activist and educator Jane Elliot, whose *The Anatomy of Prejudice: The Powerful Relationship Between Expectations and Performance* workshop, captivated the audience for over three-hours.

Elliot used a variety of teaching tools, anecdotes, good humor, and interactive activities and discussions to bring home her point that there is indeed a relationship between the expectations of students from their teachers and their individual classroom performance.

Elliot is best known for her "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" discrimination experiment, which began in a third-grade classroom in all-white, all-Christian Riceville, Iowa, where student participants were labeled inferior or superior based on the color of their eyes. The main theme of Elliot's experiment was to illustrate that student's will or will not perform based on what is expected of them...even students with similar backgrounds and experiences.

Long time director of the IPS Office of Multicultural Education and creator of the annual conference, Dr. Patricia Payne felt the theme Teaching With Courage was relative and necessary.

Says Payne, "We must raise our expectations, think out of the box and sincerely believe that all students, under our watch, regardless of socio-economic status, race, gender, religion or abilities, will learn and learn well...to do this, we must be willing to change."

Payne has spent over 40 years of her life dedicated to this very cause, raising our awareness, raising our expectations, and helping us all to understand that all students can learn, when expected to do so and...when given the opportunity to do so.

"The most useful piece of learning for the uses of life is to unlearn what is untrue." - Antisthenes, Greek philosopher (b. 444 B.C.)

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UNITY SUNDAY

Service to promote healing and reconciliation in Martinsville

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**
Staff Writer

Organizers of the Unity Sunday service hope to bring together several racially diverse congre-

gations from Marion and Morgan counties for a special worship service designed to promote "unity at the foot of the cross," forgiveness and reconciliation in Martinsville, an Indiana city with a history of troubled race relations.



Members of various church congregations from Marion and Morgan counties enjoy themselves while getting into formation during a praise song at last year's ABBA Family Reunion fellowship in Mooresville. Events such as this have been in Morgan County over the last five years to promote racial reconciliation among Christians in Central Indiana.

The service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Martinsville High School auditorium, 1360 E. Gray St. Pastor Delbert Watts Sr. from Christian Community Missionary Baptist Church (CCMBC) of Indianapolis will be the featured speaker. A segment of praise and worship music, courtesy of a combined choir and youth drama/dance teams will begin at 3:30 p.m.

In an invitational letter distributed to various churches in the Indianapolis area, the seven Morgan-Marion County ministries who are planning Unity Sunday promoted it as a venue that can move the Martinsville community into a "more diverse state of mind."

"In my view it's a great fellowship opportunity and a public confession of what has taken place in Morgan County," said Gene Deverick, coordinator of the Crossing Over Men's Cross-Cultural Bible study, which is a key sponsor of Unity Sunday.

Martinsville, the seat of Morgan County, is approximately 20 miles Southwest of Indianapolis and is known by some as the hometown of such prominent figures as famed college basketball coach John Wooden and popular 1930's Indiana Gov. Paul McNutt. But to others, the small city of nearly 11,700 has a legacy of racial intolerance.

Martinsville was one of several Indiana municipalities that had a high level of Ku Klux Klan activism when the Klan dominated Indiana state government during the 1920s. Klan members marched on the town square in 1967, although then Mayor James Gardner urged residents to "ignore" the marchers.

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Baptist group elects first Black president

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Baptist General Convention of Texas elected its first Black president this week and announced plans to increase minority representation on its executive board.

The Rev. Michael Bell, the 54-year-old senior pastor at Greater St. Stephen Baptist Church in Fort Worth, overwhelmingly defeated the Rev. Rick Davis, a Brownwood pastor, in a ballot vote.

Davis was nominated to challenge Bell at the last-minute, a move that deviated from the expected election by acclamation.

Bell succeeds Albert Reyes, the organization's first Hispanic president.

His election brought tears and cheers from Black delegates and encouraged pastors.

"It will get more African-American churches involved because they will see someone who looks like them involved in the process," the Rev. Timothy Brown, pastor of New El Bethel Church in Dallas, told the Houston Chronicle.

Convention officials want to increase minority representation on its executive board from 15 percent to 30 percent. About 12 percent of the convention's 2.5 million members are Black.

In a story in the Austin American-Statesman, Bell said that the goals to increase diversity in the organization send a message to Texans "that the Baptist General Convention of Texas is the place to be."

Bell said he will focus on helping churches communicate with each other, baptizing more people, sharpening the convention's focus and building on changes made to the executive board.

"We can do more together than we can alone," said Bell after his election was announced. "Let's go on and make a great commotion about the Great Commission," he said referring to Jesus Christ's command to reach all nations.

IN THE SPIRIT

Artistic concepts of Heaven

The Moving Towards Heaven art exhibit was displayed recently at the Madame Walker Conference Center. Left: Rev. Landrum Shields, pastor of Covenant Community Church and art curator Daisy Lloyd view depictions of Heaven from national and local artists.



Above: William Rent shares how he envisioned his Black angel carrying away "The Crown of Thorns."

Rodney Walker assures those in attendance that he has the "whole world in his hands." (Photos/J. Hurst)



Celebrating 12 years

Salt of the Earth Baptist Church choir was on hand to celebrate the 12th anniversary of Christ Christian Community Church.



Pastor of Christ Christian Community Church Gerald Trotter and his wife Toni, listen as the choir sings a selection. (Photos/C. Guynn)

Honoring 70 years of service



Left to right: Donald Starks, Mary Cag, Sister Mary Terence and Sandra Bohannon gather during the 70th anniversary of Terence being a nun. The celebration was held at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. (Photo/C. Guynn)

Site of ancient church unveiled

Mosaic covered with fish, an ancient Christian symbol

MEGIDDO PRISON, Israel (AP) — Israeli prisoner Ramil Razilo was removing rubble from the planned site of a new prison ward when his shovel uncovered the edge of an elaborate mosaic, unveiling what Israeli archaeologists said may be the Holy Land's oldest church.

The discovery of the church in the northern Israeli town of Megiddo, near the biblical Armageddon, was hailed by experts as an important discovery that could reveal details about the

development of the early church in the region.

Archaeologists said the church dated from the third century, decades before Constantine legalized Christianity across the Byzantine Empire.

"What's clear today is that it's the oldest archaeological remains of a church in Israel, maybe even in the entire region. Whether in the entire world, it's still too early to say," said Yotam Tepper, the excavation's head archaeologist.

Israeli officials were giddy about the

discovery, with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon calling the church "an amazing story."

Vatican officials also hailed the find.

"A discovery of this kind will make Israel more interesting to all Christians, for the church all over the world," said Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the Vatican envoy to Jerusalem.

"If it's true that the church and the

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The following year Carol Jenkins, a 21-year old Black woman from Rushville, was stabbed to death during a racially motivated incident while she was selling encyclopedias in Martinsville. Some residents who felt like the city did not deserve a negative reputation expressed relief when it was revealed that Kenneth Richmond, the man arrested for Jenkins' murder, was actually from Indianapolis and just passing through.

But critical perceptions continued to persist since a 1998 basketball game at Martinsville High School when some individuals allegedly shouted racial slurs at Black members of Bloomington North High School's team. Ironically, Unity Sunday will be held at that same high school.

According to the 2000 census, Martinsville has 11 African-American residents and nearly 500 Hispanics, none of whom have issued complaints of discrimination. Over the last five years ministries based in the

neighboring Morgan County city of Mooresville have held multi-cultural worship services and picnics to promote healing and reconciliation, but this is the first such event for Martinsville.

Rev. Andrew Hunt, pastor of Walk in the Light Christian Church and another sponsor of Unity Sunday, said Unity Sunday is one those events that can serve as an icebreaker and lead to one-on-one conversations, which leads to real progress. Hunt, who is Black, encourages minorities to put their apprehension aside and participate.

"It's not about apprehension because Jesus commands Christians to be united 'as one,' just as he and the Holy Father are one," said Hunt. "According to Scripture perfect love casts out fear all the time."

For more information about Unity Sunday and directions to the event call (765) 349-2821 or send an e-mail to wendi@angelswingsinc.org.

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beautiful mosaics are from the third century, it would be one of the most ancient churches in the Middle East," he said.

Razilo, who is serving a two-year sentence for traffic violations, was one of about 50 prisoners brought into the high-security Megiddo Prison to help excavate the area before the construction of new wards for 1,200 Palestinian prisoners.

Razilo was shocked to uncover the edge of the mosaic. The inmates worked for months to uncover all the parts of the mosaic - the floor of the church, he said.

"We continued to look and slowly we found this whole beautiful thing," said Razilo, who used a sponge and a bucket of water to clean dirt off the uncovered mosaics.

Two mosaics inside the church - one covered with fish, an ancient Christian symbol that predates the cross - tell the story of a Roman officer and a woman named Aketous

who donated money to build the church in the memory "of the god, Jesus Christ."

Pottery remnants from the third century, the style of Greek writing used in the inscriptions, ancient geometric patterns in the mosaics and the depiction of fish rather than the cross indicate that the church was no longer used by the fourth century, Tepper said.

The church's location, not far from the spot where the New Testament says the final battle between good and evil will take place, also made sense because a bishop was active in the area at the time, said Tepper, who works with the Israel Antiquities Authority.

The inscription, which specifies that Aketous donated a table to the church, indicates the house of worship predated the Byzantine era, when Christians began using altars in place of tables in their rituals, Tepper said. Remnants of a table were uncovered between the two mosaics.

The building - most of which was destroyed - also was not built in the Basilica style that was standard under the Byzantines, he added.

Stephen Pfann, a biblical scholar and professor at the Holy Land University, said the second and third centuries were transitional periods where people sought to define their religious beliefs and modes of worship. Iconography and inscriptions found in Nazareth and Capernaum - places where Jesus lived - show that people went there to worship, although most did so secretly.

"This was a time of persecution and in this way it is quite surprising that there would be such a blatant expression of Christ in a mosaic, but it may be the very reason why the church was destroyed," Pfann said.

The dig will continue as archaeologists try to uncover the rest of the building and its surroundings, including what they believe could be a baptismal site, Tepper said.

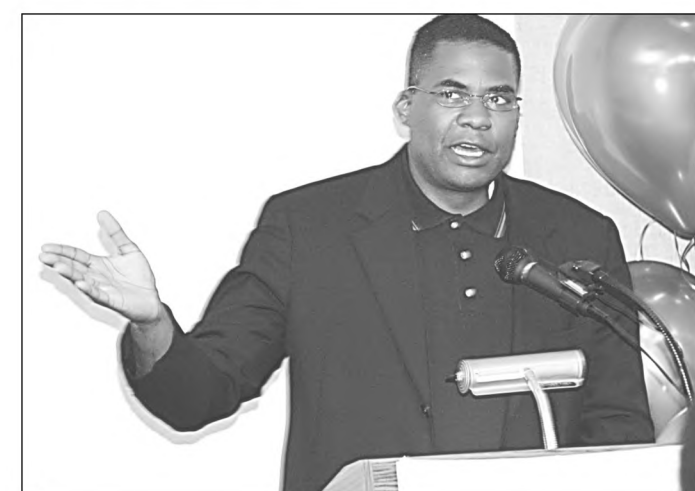
Joe Zias, an anthropologist and former curator with the antiquities authority, questioned the dating of the find, saying there is no evidence of churches before the fourth century. The building may have been in use earlier, but most likely not for Christian religious purposes, he said.

"They're going to be hard, hard-pressed to prove it ... because the evidence argues otherwise," Zias said.



Faithful Readers Program

Paula Parker-Sawyers, executive director of Indiana's faith based initiatives, talks to audience members about the Faithful Readers Program during an event at Glendale Library.



Deputy Mayor Steve Campbell was also on hand to speak about the Faithful Readers Program. It was established to connect local Black churches and libraries.

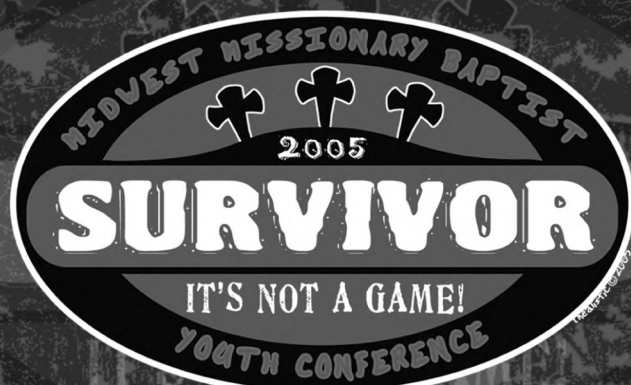


Pastor Venus Straford represented Jesus Saves Light-house Church during the reception. Nu Corinthian Church and St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church also participated in the reading program.



Lars Rascoe (left), vice principal of Jewel Academy accepts an award on behalf of the school from Linda Mielke, CEO of Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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Imam W. Deen Mohammed on Parenting

Imam W. Deen Mohammed will be speaking at Martin University Nov. 19 at the 13th Annual Parents Appreciation Banquet at 6:30 p.m.

An excerpt from *Imam W. Deen Mohammed's Islam's Climate for Business Success* (pp. 75-76).

Our society in the land of plenty does not honorably value children and parents. How can obedience be expected of children, when parents are discredited? When all of the principles of respect and credit are taken away from parents?

It seems to be an international effort to break the respectful bond, which holds parents and children together in a natural, working (socially functioning) relationship. The establishment will address the children on matters as though the children are grown and independent.

From positions on the school campuses and on the television, they will be speaking to youngsters and telling youngsters that they have to do something to protect themselves. "You have to buy condoms. You have to get sex education." The establishment has gone so far as to push children to disobey parents' wishes.

I have witnessed the establishment changing the behavioral spirit of children by telling them, "If your parents deny you something or speak harshly to you - they do not have to beat you physically, but if they are guilty of just verbal abuse, you can report them to the law." That is not the way to solve America's social problems. You must have a meeting with parents first. You must try to educate parents first. And if you can't educate parents, and those parents defy your every attempt, then you tell those parents: "Now we are going to tell the children that we respected their parents

and asked them to address sex behavior in order to save children for graduations and for happy marriages."

But even at this sad stage in the matter, still respect the parents and tell them: "We are going to do the best we can to keep the respect. We will word our language in the best way we possibly can." There are always enough heedful parents in cities to answer a call by the establishment requesting that parents form a parents' front for calling the children of the city to accept the meaning of sex in the social establishment context.

Our religion teaches us: "Never go in by the back door. Go in by the front door." Never call on the house and not address the adults. You must address the adults. Members of the public do not speak to children when the adults are away. You have to respect the adults of the house.

This is what our society has not done. Too many Americans have lost the good sense of respect for established values. Allah established the way when he created us; creation treasures Allah's way. Also the children are to be respected. Our religion does not leave us without proper regard for children. Religion, however, also stresses obedience in children for their parents.

Allah, most high, says in the Qur'an: "If your parents contend with you to get you to associate with Allah that which has not any support in knowledge, do not obey them but keep good relationships with them in this world."

Our religion is considerate and rational. Before us is Allah, the lord of the worlds, addressing us. How many of us in our positions of authority and power of leadership could say: "Child, if your parents do not accept my leadership, then don't follow them in that, but still keep good relations with them."

Most with power and leadership, if the child comes to them and says: "My parents say that you are to be rejected" their response would be: "Arm yourself against your parents." Isn't that typical of revolutions?

Muslims have a revolution. Al-Islam is a revolution. It is the most civilized revolution. We are not asked to go out and kill parents and fight parents because they tell their children to reject Al-Islam. Allah says, "Don't obey parents in false worship, but keep good relationships with them in this world." Muslims are to be peacemakers. "Be not aggressors." And, "If those who fight you incline toward peace, incline yourselves also." (Qur'an) People attacked our religion. People attacked Prophet Muhammed, peace and blessings be upon the prophet. Peace and blessings be upon the Christ-Prophet Jesus, they called Jesus and others "mad." The prophets did not come out and say, "Kill them!"

Meccans persecuted, boycotted and caused Prophet Muhammed to leave Mecca, his hometown. When the prophet was able to really kill his enemies, he announced a period of forgiveness and said: "All offenses of the past are forgiven." There were people there who had done cruel and horrible things to Muhammed the prophet, to his family, to his friends and to others of his followers. In this same town, upon achieving victory, the prophet said: "All past offenses are forgiven. Let there be no more bloodletting."

As-Salaam Alaikum. We welcome your questions and comments. Please forward them to Al-Islam in America, c/o Imam Mikal Saahir; Nur-Allah Islamic Center; 2040 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN. or via e-mail: nurallah-ic@juno.com.

Senate committee finds no evidence of terror assistance

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (AP) — A U.S. Senate committee found no evidence that the Islamic Society of North America, based in Indiana, helped finance terrorism, officials said.

The Senate Finance Committee sought the tax records of two dozen Muslim groups in December 2003. Committee leaders said they were looking at the "crucial role that charities and foundations play in terror financing."

But almost two years later, the committee has concluded its work with no plans to issue a report, forward any findings to law enforcement, hold hearings or propose new legislation.

"We did not find anything alarming enough that required additional followup beyond what law enforcement is already doing," U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, the Iowa Republican who heads the committee, said in a statement.

The end of the committee's investigation came as welcome, if not unexpected news for officials at the Islamic Society of North America, based in Plainfield, which tries to promote a positive image of Islam in the United States and help recent immigrants acclimate to life in America. The group's convention is the largest annual gathering of Muslims in North America.

"Of course we were sure that

nothing would come out with regard to ISNA, but it is good to see that they have come to that conclusion as well," said Louay Safi, executive director of an Islamic Society program that develops new Muslim leaders.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, federal authorities have shut down a few of the largest Muslim charities in the United States under suspicion of funneling money to terrorists. Similar freezes have been placed on assets of organizations in other parts of the world.

The Islamic Society, which is considered the largest Muslim umbrella organization in North America, complied with an Internal Revenue Service request to turn over financial records shortly after the Senate Finance Committee announced its intentions, Safi said.

"We cooperated with their investigation. We provided records. I am glad to hear this has been concluded," Safi said.

Grassley's spokeswoman Beth Levine said it is important to remember that an investigation is "not an accusation of wrongdoing."

No report came at the end of the review because the financial information involved is confidential, Levine said.

Gov. Daniels meets with Indiana Muslim leaders

Special to the Recorder


Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels recently hosted the first Iftar at the state Capitol building in Indianapolis. Muslim representatives from all over the state were in attendance. Gov. Daniels welcomed the guests and emphasized the recognition of Muslims as important elements in the ethnic diversity of the state.

Gov. Daniels, his staff and several other state leaders joined Muslims in breaking the fast.

For the first time in the history of the Capitol building, an azaan (call to prayer) was echoed in the building, which was followed by maghrib prayer. Prominent Hoosier Muslims in attendance were Dr. S.M. Syeed, secretary general of the Islamic Society of North America; Dr. Ibad Ansari, president of the Muslim Alliance of Indiana; Dr. Shahid Athar of the Interfaith Alliance and other Muslim representatives from Fort Wayne, Terre Haute, South Bend, Muncie, Evansville, Lawrenceburg and several other Indiana cities.

Muslim Alliance of Indiana is active in engaging Hoosier Muslims in political participation. Earlier in April, the alliance arranged a meeting of Hoosier Muslim leaders from across the state with Gov. Daniels and Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman, House Speaker Brian Bosma, Sen. Robert Garton and directors of various state agencies. There are an estimated 280,000 Muslims in the Hoosier state.

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Bill Eubanks (right), a member of the Knights of Columbus, presents a donation to Debra Cooper. (Photos/C. Guynn)

Anniversary services

The membership of First Church of Christ (Holiness), 789 Edgemont Ave., invites the public to join them on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 11 a.m., in the ninth anniversary services for their pastor and first lady. For additional information call (317) 445-1870 or (317) 924-0534.

Kingsley Terrace coat giveaway

The Community Service Ministry of the Kingsley Terrace Church of Christ will hold its annual coat giveaway Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. The ministry will also be providing basic food items for Thanksgiving dinner. For more information contact Hope Gamble at (317) 924-9055.

Fellowship, dance

The Girlz and Guys from the Hood organization will hold a fellowship dance Saturday, Nov. 26 from 8 p.m. to midnight at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, near 46th and N. Illinois Street. The organization will also present \$300 to a needy family. The cost of the event is \$5 and Sam Griffith will provide music.

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Pictured left to right: State Rep. Vanessa Summers; Bishop T. Garrett Benjamin Jr., senior pastor Light of the World Christian Church; Dr. Preston T. Adams, CEO, Project Impact Indianapolis; Pastor Hardie Blake and Perl Blake, South Bend, Project Impact.



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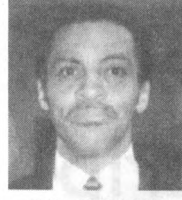
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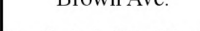
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MEDICARE DRUG ENROLLMENT PROGRAM STARTS



By Associated Press

It's been a long wait for Medicare beneficiaries, but about two years after Congress approved a new prescription drug benefit, senior citizens and the disabled finally got to enroll, beginning Tuesday.

Officials say the beneficiaries need to think about signing up — but not necessarily to decide right away which drug plan is best for them.

“There’s no need to rush into this,” said Mark McClellan, administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. “There’s plenty of time to make a decision — and make a decision you can be confident about.”

The new benefit kicks in on Jan. 1. Enrollment continues through May 15, 2006.

In most states, beneficiaries will be able to select from at least 40 plans. Some plans offer prescription drug coverage only. Others offer managed care that covers the full range of Medicare services, such as visits to a doctor’s office.

While some find the vast number of plans confusing, federal officials say the competition forces insurers to lower costs and provide more generous benefits for people 65 and older and the disabled.

The benefit will mean different things for different people, depending upon such factors as health and income status. Under the standard benefit, there is a monthly premium averaging about \$32 a month and a yearly deductible of \$250. The customer also will pay a portion of his or her drug costs — 25 percent — until drug spending reaches \$2,250. Beneficiaries then pay all drug costs until they hit \$5,100. At that point, the customer pays 5 percent of further charges.

But remember, insurers know that beneficiaries have different needs, so

they are offering different options. For example, some older people would prefer a more basic, no frills plan, with premiums far below the \$32 average. Others prefer a plan with no deductible, meaning coverage starts with the first prescription purchase of the year.

The typical beneficiary can expect to pay about half of what he would pay without any prescription drug coverage — about \$1,100, federal officials estimate.

However, healthier beneficiaries who have few prescriptions might pay more under the new program than they do now. For example, Francis Cummings, 84, of Port Angeles, Wash., said he and his wife, Marguerite, estimated that their overall costs would increase \$800 next year.

“From the time I became eligible for Medicare, I never required many prescription drugs. I’m not sure how many people are in that category, but the (new program) could conceivably be a very expensive proposition,” he said.

But advocates for the elderly also point out that the benefit serves as a form of insurance, which protects seniors from dramatic increases in their drug costs if they ever do need several prescriptions later in their life.

Even the program’s harshest critics contend it most helps the poorest of senior citizens and the disabled. Those who qualify for a low-income subsidy will pay about 5 percent of what their prescription drugs would normally cost without any coverage, and in some cases they’ll pay even less.

Most people will pay less because the government is subsidizing part of the cost of their drugs. The federal government estimates it will spend about \$724 billion over 10 years to provide the benefit.



Birth-control patch may pose risks, FDA warns

(AP)—The Food and Drug Administration warned users of the popular Ortho Evra birth control patch that they are being exposed to more hormones, and are therefore at higher risk of blood clots and other serious side effects, than previously disclosed.

Until now, regulators and patch-maker Ortho McNeil, a Johnson and Johnson subsidiary, had maintained the patch was expected to be associated with similar risks as the pill. But a strongly worded warning was added to the patch label last week that says women using the patch will be exposed to about 60 percent more estrogen than those using typical birth control pills.

“I wish I had known. It’s quite likely I would never have used it,” said Jennifer Cowperthwaite, 26, of Broad Brook, Conn., who still suffers

breathing problems after a blood clot reached her lungs two years ago after using the patch.

Although most pills and the patch are loaded with the same amount of estrogen, hormones from patches go directly into the bloodstream while pills are swallowed and digested first. The result is that women using the patch have much higher levels of estrogen in their bodies.

The warning comes four months after Associated Press reported that patch users die and suffer blood clots at a rate three times higher than women taking the pill.

Citing federal death and injury reports, the AP also found that about a dozen women, most in their late teens and early 20s, died in 2004 from blood clots believed to be related to the birth-control patch, and dozens more

► See BIRTH-CONTROL, C2

New statistics released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveal diabetes continues to increase. It is estimated now that more than 20 million people in the United States (seven percent of the population) have diabetes and at least one-third of those with the disease are undiagnosed. The prevalence of diabetes in Marion County is also on the rise.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce enough or properly use insulin. Most of the food we eat is turned into a sugar called glucose by our bodies. Insulin is made by the pancreas and is needed in the body to help this sugar, or glucose, get into our cells, where it can be used by all our cells for the energy needed for daily life.

There are two main types of diabetes, type 1 diabetes, which was previously called insulin-dependent, or juvenile-onset diabetes, and type 2 diabetes, previously called non-insulin-dependent, or adult-onset diabetes. We are now seeing increasing numbers of children and adolescents with type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes accounts for 90 to 95 percent, and type 1 accounts for 5 to 10 percent of the population with diabetes.

People with diabetes may have no symptoms at all, or may have some of the following symptoms:

- Frequent urination
- Blurry vision
- Fatigue
- Extreme thirst
- Unusual hunger
- Unexplained weight loss
- Slow healing wounds
- Numbness or tingling in the hands and feet
- More infections than usual

Family history of diabetes and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise play roles in developing type 2 diabetes. African Americans, Hispanics and some Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are at higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Other risk factors include older age, and history of gestational diabetes or of giving birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds.

The risk factors for type 1 diabetes aren’t as well understood, but they include having a parent or a sibling with type 1 diabetes.

Nearly 11 percent of Marion County’s African American population has diabetes compared to 9.2 percent of Caucasians. However, the mortality rate from diabetes is vastly disproportional for African Americans in Marion County, most recently nearly three times greater than for their white counterparts.

Uncontrolled diabetes can be associated with premature death and serious complications such as: heart disease, stroke, high blood

pressure, blindness, kidney disease (which can require dialysis or a kidney transplant), nervous system disease (numbness and pain in the hands and feet and other problems), amputations, dental disease, complications of pregnancy, and more frequent and severe infections and other illnesses.

“Diabetes poses a tremendous burden on our entire community and the lives of many families. We can decrease the effects of diabetes by improving the infrastructure that supports diabetes education, early detection and importantly, prevention of obesity,” said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director, Marion County Health Department.

We now know that it is possible to prevent and effectively treat diabetes, avoiding many of these complications. Research studies have found that lifestyle changes in diet and physical activity can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes among high-risk adults. And studies show that for those with diabetes, complications can be controlled or prevented by controlling the blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol, and receiving routine care with your physician. One third of people with diabetes do not know that they have diabetes. Ask your doctor whether you should be tested for diabetes.

The Marion County Health Department offers the ABCs of Diabetes self-management classes at locations throughout Marion County. The program is free of charge and includes a pre-assessment, four classes, individual consultation with a registered dietitian and a registered nurse, and a post assessment. Topics covered in class include: Class 1 – Basic facts about diabetes and medications, Class 2 – Dietary management, Class 3 – Activity and monitoring, Class 4 – Long term management of diabetes. The diabetes team at the Marion County Health Department includes a registered nurse-certified diabetes educator, registered dietitian, and a health educator. For more information and a 2006 class schedule call (317) 221-2094 or visit the website at www.mchd.com.

Could you have diabetes and not know it? There are 20.8 million Americans with diabetes -- and nearly one-third of them (or 6.2 million people) do not know it! Take this test to see if you are at high risk for having or developing diabetes. Diabetes is more common in African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. If you are a member of one of these ethnic groups, you need to pay special attention to this test. Older age also increases your risk for diabetes.

You can take the American Diabetes Association Diabetes Risk self-assessment test online at: <http://www.diabetes.org/risk-test.jsp> or print a test to take at: <http://www.diabetes.org/risk-test/text-version.jsp>

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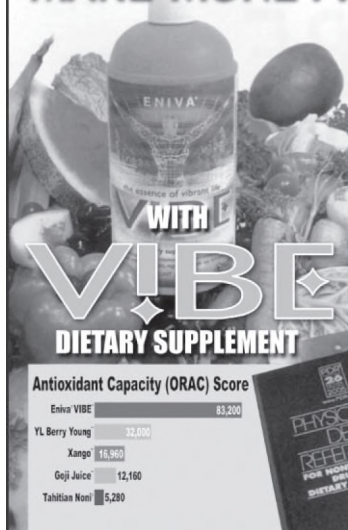
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Health Summit 2005



The Hispanic and Latino Health Summit 2005 recently took place at the Marriott Downtown. The purpose of the summit was to eliminate healthcare disparities and assure that every citizen has a healthy life experience. Clarian Health presented the summit.



Local talent to star in play revisiting the Dred Scott decision



Local actors practice for the upcoming play about the Dred Scott Decision. (Photo submitted)

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Philip and Jerii Rodman, producers and directors of The Dred Scott Decision Production Company are bringing their stage production "Our Freedom Was Worth the Fight: The Dred Scott Decision" to Indianapolis on Nov. 19.

"Our Freedom" will star several local faces including Lavelle Harris and Michelle Mimms-Duchan, who have been seen in plays for Freetown Village, Robert Charlack, Heather Renick and Tina Nehrling.

"We have been excited about the commitment and support of the people in this project," said Jerii.

"Our Freedom" is based on the life of Dred and Harriet Scott who were Missouri slaves that had a case heard in 1857 before Chief Justice Rodger Taney in the United States Supreme Court.

The court ruled that the couple could not sue for their freedom because they were Black and not considered human by U.S. law. The decision caused an uproar of emotions between Northern and Southern states that eventually led to the Civil War.

"Many people don't realize that Dred and Harriet were committed Christians who knew they were fighting for something bigger than themselves," Philip said. "We want the audience to

"Our Freedom Was Worth the Fight: The Dred Scott Decision" will be shown at the Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio St. on Nov. 19 at 3 and 7 p.m.

General admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

know that despite the personal struggles we all face, we must never give up our dreams and aspirations that God has given us."

Philip and Jerii arrived in Indianapolis during the summer to prepare for "Our Freedom," which will be shown at the Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio St.

The two say it was important to cast local actors.

"It was extremely important that we find local talent not only to generate interest for the play in the community," Jerii says. "But also to give a venue for these actors to share their craft with the city."

"Our Freedom" was originally a screenplay written by Jerii and won in the best drama category during the 2000 Santa Clarita (California) International Film Festival.

Jerii says her passion for the Scotts' story is what inspired her to write the play.

"Their personal struggle," she says. "And their triumph during an emotional period in America's history is one we all can relate to."



By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Charlie Wilson is without a doubt enjoying life right now.

As founding member and lead singer of The Gap Band, Wilson recently stepped out on his own releasing his debut solo album, "Charlie, Last Name Wilson" and has received rave reviews.

Executive produced by R. Kelly and guest appearances by Snoop Dogg, Twista, Justin Timberlake and Will.I.Am from The Black Eyed Peas, the album has been called everything from "some of (Charlie's) best work in years" from USA Today to "a smooth and savvy solo album that lives up to Wilson's legacy" from Rolling Stone.

"I'm really happy and elated about the success," Wilson said during a phone interview with the Recorder. "I'm sort of cocky, but grateful to have a hit record and continue to make music."

Wilson will be in Indianapolis Nov. 27 at the Murat Centre performing in the musical stage play "Why Good Girls Like Bad Boyz."

In the play Wilson will portray an R&B singer with a speech impediment trying to get a record deal. He says the character's struggle to get noticed reminds him of when The Gap Band were begging people to listen to them sing in the

► See CHARLIE, C4



Charlie Wilson

Gap Band singer Charlie Wilson to perform in stage play

"Why Good Girls Like Bad Boyz" will hit the stage at the Murat Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St., for two performances Nov. 27 at 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$32.50 and \$34.50.

Kindred releases soul on latest album

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

This time around Aja Graydon and Fatin Dantzler, also known as Kindred The Family Soul are digging deeper within their love to produce true soul music.

The husband and wife duo recently put out their second album titled "In This Life Together."

"When people listen to our music I hope they feel our honesty and sincerity," Graydon said during a phone interview with the Recorder. "I hope people feel that rawness that we're talking about without feeling alienated from it. I don't want people to feel that if they're not married or not in love that the music is not for them."

A year into their marriage and after Dantzler lost his job, the two decided to take a leap of faith and form Kindred.

With deep admiration for the relationship and marriage of Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, the couple often looks to the actors for inspiration in music and in family.

► See KINDRED, C4



Aja Graydon and Fatin Dantzler

Celebrating 60 years



Little Red Door Cancer Agency recently celebrated its 60th anniversary. What began as an educational outlet, the organization has now evolved and expanded its services to provide more than 10,000 individuals with a variety of free services. Executive Director John Aleshire (right) takes a moment to talk with attendee Addison Simpson.



Little Red Door Program Assistant Deborah Shelby.



Little Red Door Director of Education Tisha Reid points out familiar faces to Berdette J. Bruce, director of ambassador for healing cancer at Martin University. (Photos/C. Guynn)

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mid-1970s.

"We were overlooked by people," he says. "In Tulsa, Okla., opportunities were pretty thin. This play definitely brought back memories when we were trying to get signed."

The play which also stars singer Angie Stone, and Taral Hicks ("A Bronx Tale," "Belly") is centered on 19-year-old Shannon Harris, a daddy's girl who seems like she's headed in the right direction. The first in her family to attend college, everything was going according to plan until Harris meets Silk, a handsome and charming man. Silk's seductive charm and flattering propositions changes her life in unimaginable ways.

"Although the urban theater genre has become saturated with stage plays, people have gotten to the point where they are thirsty for more," said Angela Barrow-Dunlap, writer, director and producer of "Why Good Girls Like Bad Boyz." "The re-launch of the play is an answer to their prayers. It serves an opportunity to give the masses entertainment they grew up watching; entertainment that enlightened and further empowered them."

As an R&B singer in the play, Wilson will also entertain the crowd singing past Gap Band hits like "You Dropped a Bomb on Me" and "Oops, Upside Your Head" as well as songs from his debut including the hit "Charlie, Last Name Wilson."

"People should definitely come out to see the play because I'm in it," Wilson said jokingly. "Seriously, it's a good play with a great cast, which is actually the original cast. Everybody in the play brings their A-game."

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"We're enamored of the relationship Davis and Dee created together, and everything they were able to accomplish," Fatin said. "Their marriage spanned 50 years, which is a major achievement. That's something to be looked at as an admirable model, and their marriage and collaboration as artists is a model for us."

Kindred recently performed songs from their first album "Surrender to Love" and "In This Life" during a show at the Murat Centre that headlined John Legend. The two hope that they have gained a few more fans along the way.

"I definitely want people to feel that we love one another and that love is a central part of life," said Graydon. "But at the same time love isn't always pretty, it's not always easy and the answers to problems don't always come quickly. It's a journey and a full adventure, and I hope people get that out of our music."

One of Graydon's favorite songs on the album is one she performs alone titled "Woman First." It's a ballad that helps a woman regain her identity after the marriage and the kids.

"It's real special to me," says the mother of three. "But I like a lot of the songs though it depends on the day. I like different songs on different days."

Another track "Where Would I Be (The Question)" finds Dantzler pondering what would his life be like without his wife.

"I realized all of the things I wanted to accomplish in my life have come together as a result of having love," he says.

If you've ever wondered what love is, look at the smiles on the faces of Graydon and Dantzler. If you want to know what love sounds like, listen to "In This Life Together."



Family Fall Fest

(Below) The Team singing group performs during the Family Fall Fest Celebration of Music at Glendale Mall. The Team's song selection ranged from popular artists such as Stevie Wonder and Earth, Wind & Fire.

**(Left) Terry Anthony, the Team lead singer.
(Photos/J. Hurst)**



Mariah wins at violence-free Vibe Awards

(AP) — Mariah Carey walked away with four honors at the Vibe Awards, a celebration of hip-hop and R&B that went smoothly after last year's ceremony was marred by a brawl and stabbing.

"Whatever you're going through in your life, don't ever give up," Careys said at the Saturday night event. The taped show aired this week on UPN.

With cognac and champagne flowing freely, rappers sporting diamonds mingled peacefully, although they had to pass through metal detectors to enter and police and security guards were plentiful.

Last year, violence overshadowed the show when audience member Jimmy James Johnson approached rapper and producer Dr. Dre, seated at a table in front of the stage, and appeared to ask for an autograph before punching him. A chair-throwing melee ensued and Johnson was then allegedly stabbed by rapper Young Buck.

In September, Johnson was sentenced to a year in jail after he pleaded guilty to punching the rap mogul. Young Buck, whose given name is David Darnell Brown, has pleaded not guilty in the case and is free on bail awaiting trial.

Young Buck and Dr. Dre did not attend this year's ceremony.

Here are the winners at the third annual Vibe awards:

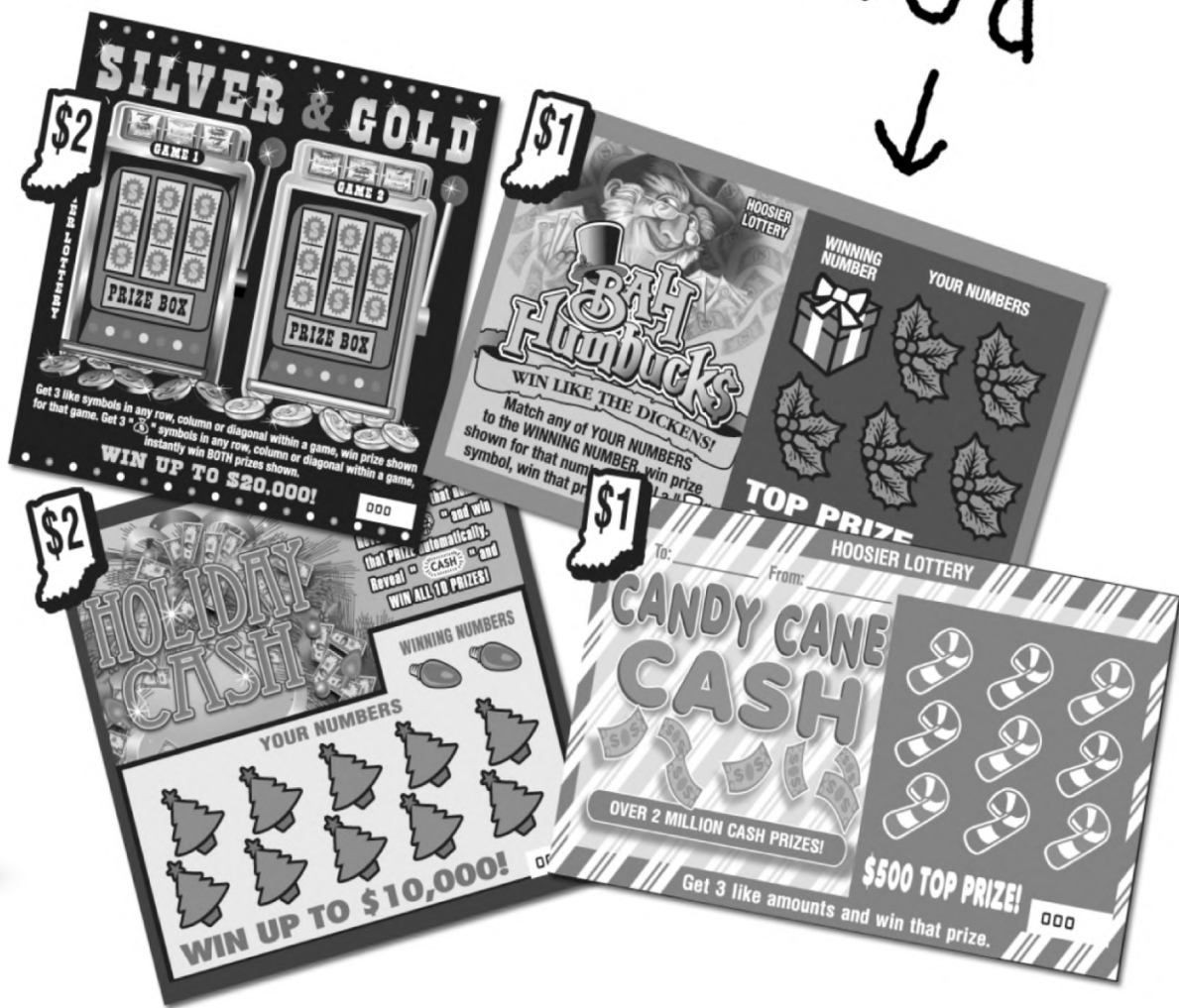
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Coolest Collabo: "Oh," Ciara featuring Ludacris
Street Anthem: "U Don't Know Me," T.I.
Power Broker of the Year: Kevin Liles
Club Banger: "1 Thing," Amerie
Reelest Video: "Trapped in the Closet" (Chapters 1-5), R. Kelly
Hottest Hook: "Hate It or Love It," The Game featuring 50 Cent
Video Goddess: Esther Baxter in "Number One Spot" by Ludacris
Boomshot Award: "Welcome to Jamrock," Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley
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Collection shows Isaac Hayes' career

By **LARRY McSHANE**
Associated Press Writer

It's a difficult image to conjure: Isaac Hayes struggling to overcome a nasty case of stage fright.

Not the hippest guy in the room, the epitome of cool.

Not the genius behind the soundtrack for "Shaft."

Not the voice of Chef on "South Park."

And yet it happened.

It was back in the late '60s, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Hayes was making his first-ever live appearance, sharing the bill with the established Staple Singers, and he wasn't sure how the audience would greet him.

"I had on some hippie-type outfit," says Hayes, his deep laugh rumbling at the recollection. "I had on red, white and blue pants, and moccasins. A purple shirt, and a terrycloth floppy hat. I was dressed weird, you know?"

Then Hayes made a joke, and the audience laughed. He removed the hat, revealing his shaved head, "and the ladies screamed," Hayes said.

Goodbye, stage fright. Hello, career.

Hayes, calling from his home base in Memphis, is reminiscing about his 1969-75 run at Stax Records — a memorable era captured on the new 2-CD collection "Ultimate Isaac Hayes — Can You Dig It?"

The collection, released Nov. 1, runs the gamut of Hayes' amazing output at the time, from hits like "Theme from Shaft" to the gospel sounds of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" to a rarely heard duet with Dionne Warwick.

"Shaft," with its indelible hi-hat cymbal riff, earned Hayes a pair of Grammys. The soundtrack album stayed on the charts for 60 weeks, and changed the way that movies treated music. Movie soundtrack albums became a money-making genre, with artists from Curtis Mayfield ("Superfly") to Marvin Gaye ("Trouble Man") following Hayes' lead.

Hayes was one of the pioneers in breaking other traditional music business boundaries, whether by mixing his funk with a string section or stretching out on a 12-minute cover of the Warwick hit "Walk on By."

"I felt what I had to say musically could not be said in two minutes and 30 seconds," Hayes said. "So I did my thing. If it was a hit, great. But I just



did what I wanted creatively."

The 63-year-old Hayes was a presence on the musical scene before his debut album, "Presenting Isaac Hayes," was released in 1969. With partner David Porter, he wrote the hits "Soul Man," "I Thank You" and "Hold On, I'm Coming" for Sam and Dave. He was in great demand as a session player and producer.

But it wasn't until his second solo album, "Hot Buttered Soul," that the music was given the full Hayes treatment. His earlier songs, Hayes said, were limited by Stax owner Jim Stewart's "meat and potatoes" approach to recording.

Hayes had something different in mind.

"I'd been hearing things in my head for a long time, but I'd been restricted," Hayes said. "Now I did what I felt. ... When I had the opportunity to do my own thing, that's when I thought about strings and different chords."

By the time of his album "To Be Continued," he was in the studio with violins, trumpets, French horns and flutes. And he became regarded as a brilliant interpreter of other writers' songs — sort of the Sinatra of soul.

Coming up with often outrageous arrangements for music by Jimmy Webb, Burt Bacharach, Al Green and Kris Kristofferson was as rewarding for Hayes as writing his own tunes.

"I like to see how people responded," said Hayes. "I liked that. It was a big validation."

Even bigger was meeting with Bacharach and Webb, who each expressed their admiration for Hayes' covers.

These days, Hayes is keeping himself plenty busy. He's working on a children's book, and promoting a cookbook aimed at helping people fight hypertension (the ailment claimed his grandfather, his father and good friend Barry White). And he's still rolling with the cast from "South Park," playing school cafeteria kingpin Chef.

He's doing a local radio show. And he's working on a new album — his first since 1995's dual release, "Branded" and "Raw & Refined" — with veteran drummer Steve Jordan.

As the conversation continued, Hayes recalled another live performance, when he was long past his struggle with stage fright.

He was in a place called the Tiki Bar, sharing the stage with R&B greats the Bar-Kays. Hayes planned to play a song by Glenn Campbell — that's right, Black Moses doing a cover of the Rhinestone Cowboy.

There was chatter in the crowd, and Hayes started talking as the band vamped, telling the story of a jilted lover's lonely life. And then he began to sing: "By the time I get to Phoenix ..."

"The audience said, 'Whoa,'" Hayes remembered. "When I finished the tune, there were maybe a few dry eyes in the house — but not many. I got a standing ovation."



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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEF

Holiday doll exhibit at Harrison Home
Victorian dolls will be displayed throughout the President Benjamin Harrison Home, 1230 N. Delaware St., in its holiday decor, including the 10-foot Christmas tree decorated with Harrison family treasures, a replica of the first tree decorated in the White House. Exhibit and holiday decor are included in the home's daily tours. The holiday decor runs from Nov. 21-Dec. 30. Call (317) 631-1888 for more information or check the home's web site: www.pbhh.org.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Samuel L. Jackson, Jamie Foxx and Oprah Winfrey were among those nominated for the 32nd annual People's Choice Awards. Internet research firm Knowledge Networks called on pop culture fans to help determine the nominees. The public can help choose the winners online at <http://www.pcavote.com>. The show will broadcast live from the Shrine Auditorium on Jan. 10.

The nominees were:
Female movie star: Sandra Bullock, Angelina Jolie, Nicole Kidman.
Male movie star: Nicolas Cage, Johnny Depp, Samuel L. Jackson.
Leading lady: Cameron Diaz, Reese Witherspoon, Renee Zellweger.
Leading man: Jamie Foxx, Brad Pitt, Adam Sandler.
Female action star: Jennifer Garner, Angelina Jolie, Catherine Zeta-Jones.
Male action star: Matthew McConaughey, Brad Pitt, The Rock.
On-screen match-up: Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt in "Mr. and Mrs. Smith;" Chris Rock and Adam Sandler in "The Longest Yard;" Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson in "Wedding Crashers."
Female performer: Kelly Clarkson, Faith Hill, Gwen Stefani.
Male performer: Toby Keith, Tim McGraw, Usher.
Group: Black Eyed Peas, Destiny's Child, Green Day.
New TV comedy: "Everybody Hates Chris," "How I Met Your Mother," "My Name Is Earl."
New TV drama: "Commander in Chief," "Criminal Minds," "Prison Break."
TV comedy: "Everybody Loves Raymond," "That '70s Show," "The Simpsons."
TV drama: "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "Desperate Housewives," "Law & Order: SVU."
Reality show competition: "American Idol," "Fear Factor," "Survivor."
Reality show other: "Extreme Makeover," "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," "Supernanny."
Late-night talk show host: Jay Leno, David Letterman, Conan O'Brien.
Daytime talk show host: Ellen DeGeneres, Regis Philbin & Kelly Ripa, Oprah

Oprah Winfrey

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Winfrey.
Female TV star: Jennifer Garner, Teri Hatcher, Jennifer Love Hewitt.
Male TV star: Ray Romano, Charlie Sheen, Kiefer Sutherland.
Funny female star: Drew Barrymore, Ellen DeGeneres, Queen Latifah.
Funny male star: Chris Rock, Adam Sandler, Will Smith.

Butler receives \$3 million gift for performing arts complex

Special to the Recorder

Butler University has received a \$3 million gift from the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation to be used toward the completion of the university's \$30.5 million Performing Arts Complex, including construction of a theater located just north of Clowes Memorial Hall. The theater is part of the final leg in the Performing Arts Complex, which includes the 2,200-seat Clowes Hall, the intimate, 140-seat Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall, which opened in 2004, Lilly Hall and the Lilly Hall addition, home to Butler's Jordan College of Fine Arts. "Butler University has enjoyed a special relationship with Allen Clowes and his family for more than 70 years," Butler President Dr. Bobby Fong said in announcing the gift. "Their dedication of Clowes Memorial Hall in 1963 forever changed the face of Butler University, establishing it as a premier presenter of arts and culture. When the Performing Arts Complex is completed, Allen's vision will assuredly thrive on the Butler University campus for generations to come." Butler has secured more than \$23 million in gifts to fund the projects, including lead gifts from: Lilly Endowment Inc.; alumnus Frank Streightoff; the university's trustees; alumna Billie Lou Wood; Ruth Lilly; alumna Ruth K. Williams; and Allen W. Clowes during his lifetime. Many area corporations and foundations also have contributed. Once full funding is secured, it will take about 18 months to build the theatre.

Spike Lee says educated Blacks should be icons
MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Spike Lee says the value of education is being overshadowed by the images that gangsta rap glorifies. "Young Black kids didn't grow up wanting to be a pimp or a stripper like they do now," Lee said of his youth in Brooklyn. He drew two standing ovations as a featured speaker at a recent conference on cultural diversity at Middle Tennessee State University. The 48-year-old filmmaker, who is working on a documentary on Hurricane Katrina, urged students to find a way to make being educated cool again. "Back then, we were not called sellouts for using our brains. And being intelligent was not frowned upon," Lee said. He likened the images from some rap videos to the distorted view minstrel shows of the 19th century gave most of the world about American Blacks. Lee said he has tried through his films, which include "School Daze," "Do the Right Thing," "Jungle Fever" and "Malcolm X," to show the diversity of the Black experience.

Lots of revelations in Oprah's new DVD box set

Electronic Urban Report

Did you know that Oprah Winfrey once dated film critic Roger Ebert? Were you aware that no matter how much she begged, she couldn't get a single celebrity to appear on her first nationally-syndicated episode in 1986? Not even Don Johnson of "Miami Vice." These tidbits are among the treats of-

ferred by Oprah herself in the new six-DVD box set, "The Oprah Winfrey Show - The 20th Anniversary Collection," due this month via Paramount. After 20 years on the air as America's premiere daytime talk show host, Winfrey is finally giving fans the chance to own a number of highlights from every season of the popular program. With more than 17 hours of footage, the package includes countless memorable clips - from weight-loss programs and makeovers, to Tom Cruise acting a fool on her couch earlier this year. The episode where "everybody gets a car!" is also included, as is her star-studded 50th birthday show. Throughout the DVDs, Winfrey provides audio commentary to give viewers exclusive insight into the footage. For example, Winfrey decided to make dieting a show topic because "I wanted the people to know, 'I know that I'm fat. It's a problem. You know how many diets I've been on?'" In talking about her single most-popular episode - the one where she threw 67 pounds of fat on a wagon and

pulled it onstage while wearing her slim, new jeans - Winfrey admits that two days after that show, she couldn't fit into those jeans anymore. "Every single tabloid story has hurt me as much as it would hurt anybody else who is reading that you're fat," she said. During the early years of the show, Winfrey revealed: "I would stop at Dunkin Donuts in the morning - myself - and pick up the donuts for the audience." One of Oprah's favorite anecdotes is about her father's advice when she told him of her desire to move beyond her current job as a TV news reporter in Nashville. "Well, you're making \$22,000 and you're 22," says Winfrey, imitating her father's gravelly voice. "I don't know what else you want in the world. You better save half your money because you're not going to make that kind of money forever." Ain't that the truth.

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PARENTING TIPS

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Kids doing poorly in school may be sleepy



WASHINGTON — Staying up an hour or two past bedtime makes it far harder for kids to learn, say scientists who deprived youngsters of sleep and tested whether their teachers could tell the difference. They could.

If parents want their children to thrive academically, “Getting them to sleep on time is as important as getting them to school on time,” said psychologist Gahan Fallone, who conducted the research at Brown Medical School.

The study was conducted on healthy children who had no evidence of sleep- or learning-related disorders.

Difficulty paying attention was among the problems the sleepy youngsters faced — raising the question of whether sleep deprivation could prove even worse for people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD.

Fallone now is studying that question, and suspects that sleep problems “could hit children with ADHD as a double whammy.”

Sleep experts have long warned that Americans of all ages don’t get enough shut-eye. Sleep is important for health, bringing a range of benefits that, as Shakespeare put it, “knits up the raveled sleeve of care.” Not getting enough is linked to a host of problems, from car crashes as drivers doze off to crippled memory and inhibited creativity.

Sleep has long been a concern of educators.

Consider: Potter-Burns Elementary School in Pawtucket, R.I., sends notes to parents reminding them to make sure students get enough sleep prior to the school’s yearly achievement testing. Principal John Haide-menos considers it important enough to include in the school’s monthly newsletters, too.

“Definitely there is an impact on students’ performance if they come to school tired,” he said.

But the findings may change physician practice, said Dr. Regina Benjamin, a family physician in Bayou La Batre, Ala.

“I don’t ask about sleep” when evaluating academically struggling students, she noted. “I’m going to start.”

So how much sleep do kids need? Recommended amounts range from about 10 to 11 hours a night for young elementary students to 8.5 hours for teens.

Fallone insists that his own second-grader get 10 hours a night, even when it meant dropping soccer the season that practice didn’t start until 7:30 — too late for her to fit in dinner and time to wind down before she needed to be snoozing.

“It’s tough,” he acknowledged. But “parents must believe in the importance of sleep.”

Radiothon benefits Mozel Sanders Dinner



Radio One and the Mozel Sanders Foundation recently hosted the annual Radiothon to raise money and enlist volunteers for the Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Former Miami Hurricane college football players (left to right) Leroy Owens, Quentin Grandberry, Jaraarr Day and Desmond Stokes work the phones lines during the Radiothon.



Aaron Handley (right) gets an autograph from Stokes and Rick Fort after making a donation. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Surprise party

City-County Councilman Monroe Gray (center, left) presents William “Duke” Oliver (center, right) with a proclamation from the City of Indianapolis recognizing Oliver’s 62nd birthday and his retirement after 40 years at Chrysler during a surprise party. Fellow councilors and family members join Gray and Oliver.



(Left to right) Daughter Angie, son William Jr., Oliver and wife Dorothy make a family toast during the event.



William “Duke” Oliver and wife Dorothy.

Sheriff Frank Anderson signs an oversized card for Oliver. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Correction

The Nov. 11, 2005, issue of the Recorder incorrectly stated the name of an annual event. The correct name of the event is the Madame C.J. Walker Business and Professional Women’s Club Awards Dinner and Gospel Concert.



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Larry Bates draws the winning ticket.



Gerlean Johnson after winning the leather and fur coat. (Photos/J. Hurst)



A legacy of community service

Members of the Circle City Chapter of Links Inc., recently celebrated 10 years of building a legacy of community service. Pat Payne (right) purchases a raffle ticket from Link Barbara Boyd in hopes of winning a leather and fur coat from Elan Furs.



Link Annette Henderson with husband Raymond.



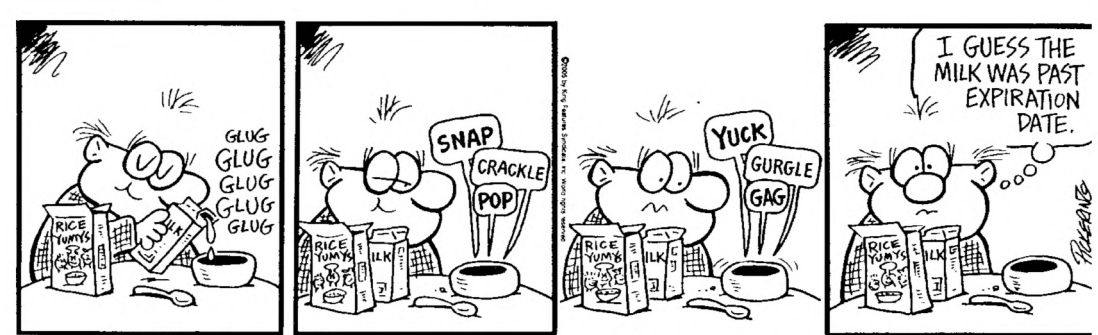
Annual Holiday Bazaar

Tillman H. Harpole Post 249 sponsored its Annual Holiday Bazaar that offered various holiday gift items. Left to right are: Heather Owens, Kathleen Crawford, Xavier Halsell, Elaine Harris, and Shawntell Wood. (Photo/C. Guyonn)

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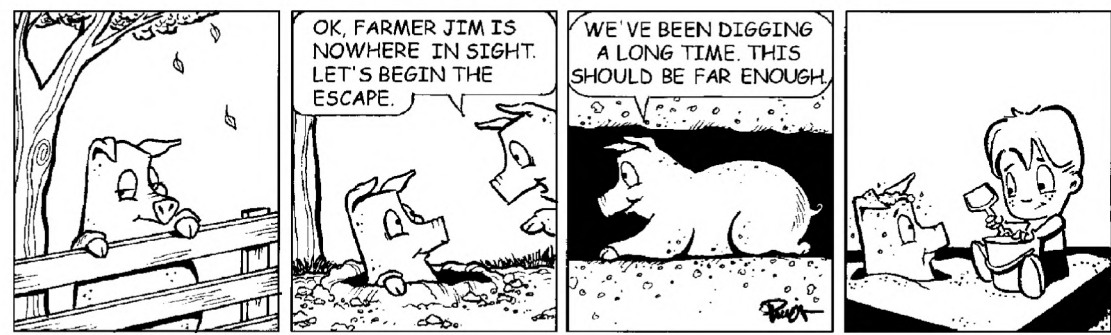
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Fidelity Lodge #55

Members of the Fidelity Lodge #55 pose after their monthly meeting. Seated (left to right): Walter Mayes, Wilson Lorick, Donald Owens, Worshipful Master Michael Rick- etts, Worshipful Master Todd Ebbert, and Joe Jefferson. Second row (left to right): Miles Evanston, Will Saylor, Jerry Cowley, Cordell Lockhart, Quantis Wiggins, and Dick Reed. Third row (left to right): Carl Drummer, Frank Campbell, Theodore Muham- mad, Fred Gogart, James Dawson, Chris Hodapp, and Michael Chappell. (Photo/C. Guyynn)



Leadership conference

The Indianapolis Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity recently hosted the C. Roger Wilson Leadership Conference where members from various Midwestern states learned the history, customs and traditions of the fraternity. Pictured left to right are Myron Hardiman, Michael Owens, Marvin Bardo, Stevenson Nicholson, Eugene Anderson, Dr. Charles Green and Arthur L. Carter Sr. (Photo/C. Guyynn)

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Job growth inches up

Employment in Indiana continues to inch up over the year, and most industries show modest job growth, according to figures released by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

Indiana's seasonally adjusted job figures revealed a revised September total of 2,970,700 jobs, while October preliminary figures reported its total to be 2,956,900 jobs.

Indiana gained 12,000 jobs over last year but remains approximately 59,100 jobs off its peak, which was reached in May of 2000. The number of jobs in Indiana according to September revised data was 2,970,700, whereas October preliminary figures were 2,956,900.

Workshop on starting business

The Neighborhood Self-Employment Initiative and the Central Indiana Women's Business Center will offer a free workshop Starting a Business - Is It Right For Me? on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. and again on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at the English Foundation Building, 615 N. Alabama St. The two-hour workshop is for individuals who are interested in starting a business and want to learn more about what it takes to be successful.

Workshop pre-registration is required. Registrations can be made by calling (317) 917-3266 or by going to the Web site www.nsibiz.org.

800 jobs coming to finance center

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service plans to add 800 jobs at its operations at the former Fort Benjamin Harrison over two years beginning in January.

Local hires are expected to fill 80 percent of the new jobs, and the remaining 20 percent will come from positions transferred to the finance center on the Northeastside of Indianapolis. The expansion builds upon a plan approved by the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission in August but falls short of hopes expressed by state officials at the time.

The commission at the time rejected a Pentagon plan that would have more than doubled the center's 3,000 jobs, instead voting to require that the center retain at least its current staffing level as the panel blocked plans to close some other finance centers around the country.

Loans for small business

The Neighborhood Self-Employment Initiative and the Central Indiana Women's Business Center will offer a free workshop Does Your Business Need Cash? Loans for Small Business on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 9 a.m. at the English Foundation Building, 615 N. Alabama St.

The two-hour workshop is for individuals who want to get up to speed on small business bank loans and three non-traditional small business loan sources: Indianapolis Microloan Fund, Small Business Loan Fund and the SBA Community Express Loan program.

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Black Expo hires vice president of marketing and sales

Special to the Recorder

Indiana Black Expo Inc. (IBE) has announced the selection of Denise J. Herd as vice president of marketing and sales. Herd will be responsible for developing strategies and processes that will support, grow and diversify revenue bases.

In addition to increasing revenue, Herd will provide strategic direction for organizational marketing, member relations, communications, special events, and fund development.

"Denise comes to IBE with a wealth of experience and leadership skills," noted Joyce Q. Rogers, IBE president and CEO. "Her ability to aggressively find effective and efficient solutions is what led her to this position and ultimately made her an ideal candidate."

Herd previously worked for Bandy Carroll Hellige Ad-



Denise J. Herd

vertising and Public Relations as vice president of public relations for their Indianapolis and Louisville, Ky., offices. While there, she assisted in new business prospecting, developed communication strategies and negotiated promotions for one of the nation's largest quick service restaurants.

Prior to Bandy Carroll Hellige, Herd served as the manager of diversity and me-

dia relations for the Indiana Repertory Theatre and as a disc jockey for local radio station WTPI.

Herd is a member of the Indiana Repertory Theatre Board of Directors. She is a graduate of the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Series, Class XXII and a member of Eastern Star Church.

Indiana Black Expo is a year-round, multifaceted community service organization with 11 chapters around the state. IBE is known for its two major fund-raisers, Summer Celebration and Circle City Classic.

This 501(c)(3) nonprofit is governed by a board of directors comprised of individuals and community leaders from around the state and employs a full time staff. The mission is to be an effective voice and vehicle for the social and economic advancement of African Americans.

First-class stamps to go up 2 cents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of mailing a letter will increase to 39 cents on Jan. 8.

The Postal Service's board of governors approved the two-cent increase in first-class postal rates on Monday. It is the first increase since June 2002.

The cost of mailing a postcard will increase a penny, to 24 cents, as part of the roughly 5.4 percent, across-the-board hike in most rates and fees.

The increase fulfills a requirement, passed by Congress in 2003, that the Postal Service establish a \$3.1 billion escrow account. Congress is to determine later how to spend that money. The Postal Service said without the mandate it would not have had to raise rates next year.

The Postal Service has more than \$69 billion in annual revenue.

Other rate changes include:

- First-class letter, one ounce, up 2 cents to 39 cents.
- First-class letter, two ounces, up 3 cents to 63 cents.
- Post card up 1 cent to 24 cents.
- Priority Mail, one pound, up 20 cents to \$4.05.
- Express Mail, 8 ounces, up 75 cents to \$14.40.
- Express Mail, 2 pounds, up 95 cents to \$18.80.
- Certified mail up 10 cents to \$2.40.
- Delivery confirmation (priority) up 5 cents to 50 cents.
- Delivery confirmation (first-class parcels) up 5 cents to 60 cents.
- Return receipt (original signature) up 10 cents to \$1.85.
- Return receipt (electronic) up 5 cents to \$1.35.
- Money orders up 5 cents to 95 cents.

YOUR MONEY MATTERS

Who's scammin who?

By MICHAEL G. SHINN
For the Recorder



What does the NBA, rapper 50 Cent and the University of Chicago have to do with the image of Black people in America? Three recent events have intersected and created questions about who is creating these images.

Are the images created by Black people or by big business or by Madison Avenue or by some combination of all three? It leads to the question of who's scammin who?

The NBA

National Basketball Association Commissioner David Stern recently issued a dress code directive stating that "players are required to wear business casual attire whenever they are engaged in team or league business."

Several players complained, notably Allen Iverson saying that even if you put a murderer in a suit, it still makes him a murderer. (Huh?) Stephen Jackson of the Indiana Pacers complained that the NBA was afraid of being seen as too "hip-hop." Finally, Marcus Camby of the Denver Nuggets wanted a clothing allowance, in spite of his \$8 million per year salary.

Up to this point, NBA players were allowed to wear casual clothes going to and from the arena and on the bench if they were injured.

Needless to say, there was a lot of bling-bling, sunglasses, sports jerseys, etc. It appears that the NBA owners have grown seriously concerned about the league's declining public image and TV ratings.

50 Cent

Rapper 50 Cent's new movie, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" is in theaters now. Reportedly the movie is a fictionalized story of 50 Cent's struggle to get into the rap business. Supposedly the movie features numerous scenes of violence and torture.

The \$50 million film is produced by Paramount Pictures, which is owned by Viacom Inc. Most movies open on Friday, but this movie opened mid-week, because of concerns about violence on theater property. It appears that Paramount and Viacom are seriously concerned about the movie's public image.

The University of Chicago

The Chicago Tribune on Nov. 2 reported on a University of Chicago dorm party attended by 20 students. "The gathering, called a 'straight thuggin' party, has sparked a campuswide debate about race relations on the Hyde Park campus, where about 4 percent of the undergraduate students are Black.

"The students at the party last month, none of whom were Black, said their clothing - sideways baseball caps, gold chains and pants so low

that their underwear showed - was not intended to mimic a particular race. One student wore handcuffs as he lifted a bottle wrapped in a brown paper bag. They listened to rap artists 50 Cent, Nelly and the Notorious B.I.G."

It appears that the university and surrounding community are seriously concerned about white students imitating Blacks.

Images are important and powerful. Today the external images of our young people, particularly Black males, are based on the impressions being presented by ballers, rappers and even whites pretending to be Black.

The "thuggin" image is then being perpetuated by big business and ad companies on Madison Avenue. Their purpose is to sell products by creating "wants" for things we don't need, so we'll spend money that we don't have and for all the wrong reasons.

We as adults and parents in our community have to be the role models for our children and young adults. We cannot and must not let our community be scammed by the scammers.

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Black Business Profile

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Year opened:
1999

Owners:
Catherine Rogers
Russell Rogers
Pat Barlow-Van Doren

Number of paid employees:
Two

Products/services:

We offer full service catering and an event center for meetings, parties and banquets. Our event center can accommodate up to 150 people and in addition to the full-service catering, we also have a full bar available.

Significant business advances/achievements:

We appeal to a diverse client base. C&R has catered for many celebrities as well as a host of corporate events. Being able to serve these types of individuals and organizations has been a great success for us.

Future goals:

One of our primary goals is to continue to grow our client base on both a corporate and private level. We hope to continue this trend for both Stasia's Event Center and C&R Catering LLC.

Why did you start this business and how has it grown?

We started out providing food service at Poochie's on 26th Street. Doing this gave us the hope to begin marketing our catering business. Due to our growing business endeavors, after five years we were able to purchase our own building.

Who does your business best serve and why?

Our business best serves anyone that is interested in excellent catering and a quality environment. We provide personalized service to all of our clients - large or small. We try to create a solution for everyone.

How has your experience helped meet the needs of your clients?

Catherine Rogers and Pat Van Doren have over 30 years experience. Catherine's experience as a dietary manager for over 20 years provides the much needed balance between food menus and food preparation. We recognize there is a need for healthy menu items and we strive to continuously provide our customers with healthy choices at affordable prices.

Where did you get the name of your company and does it have any significant meaning?

Prior to 1999 Catherine was doing catering for various events, so once our partnership started, we decided to keep the name C&R Catering LLC. Pat's event planning skills and marketing background add to making the partnership a well-balanced one.



Co-owner Pat Van Doren prepares a meat and broth entrée during client Ambiance's social gathering. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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Indiana shoppers who have driven all the way to Chicago for Crate and Barrel's merchandise can now find the furniture and housewares collections conveniently located at the popular Indianapolis mall.

The first floor contains Crate and Barrel's well-known and popular collections of tabletop, giftware, lifestyle furniture, and seasonal products, along with the kiosks that contain their nationwide Gift and Bridal Registry.

The second floor contains the furniture collections, shown in vignettes that help the customer visualize how each item will look in their home. The collections of sofas and chairs, dining tables and bedroom sets, and home accessories are chosen for their value and their immediate fashion appeal, yet they are long-lasting, with classic lines and shapes. Specially designed fixtures make it easy to browse through the area rugs in many sizes and styles, as well as the new collection of exciting curtain panels and hardware.

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GAME POINT



A few NBA truths

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**
Staff Writer

I've listened to a lot of ignorant comments from people this past week about basketball.

Now, I don't claim to know everything about the NBA but I know enough to recognize when I need to stop listening to foolishness. A few of the claptrap comments are as follows:

Comment No. 1

"I'm telling you Ericka, the Memphis Grizzlies are the team to beat in the Western Conference. They're more talented and just as deep as the San Antonio Spurs."

Honestly, I don't think this statement is worth a comment. The Spurs are the defending champs. During the offseason they enhanced a roster that didn't even need it by signing Michael Finley and Nick Van Exel, two role players who could start but don't cry about coming off the bench.

Memphis is talented. Jerry West signing on as president of basketball operations through 2008 says something about the team's future, but to suggest that they're better than San Antonio, Denver and Houston is ludicrous.

Comment No. 2

"I don't care what anyone says, the Los Angeles Clippers will make the playoffs."

I thought this too, last year. I now know that the Clippers have no idea how talented they are and their winning ways will unravel sooner than later.

They may look good now, winning without Shaun Livingston but trust me they'll be way under .500 in a month.

Comment No. 3

"Jay-Z is going to make sure that the soon-to-be Brooklyn Nets rule New York making fans forget about the New York Knicks."

No, he won't. When you think of New York you think of Madison Square Garden and the Knicks. I don't care how bad they suck; New York City will never betray their beloved Knicks.

Comment No. 4

"Ericka, I think you made a mistake picking Denver to finish No. 2 in the West."

No, I didn't. Things are a little rocky right now, but they'll turn out fine.

Denver has made the playoffs since Carmelo Anthony has been on the roster and now they're a better, deeper team, they'll go further. Just watch and see.

Golden State Warrior watch: At Recorder press time the Warriors were 5-3, sixth in the Western Conference and second in the Pacific division.

INDIANAPOLIS 31, HOUSTON 17

COLTS REMAIN UNDEFEATED

James, Colts focused on task at hand

By **BARATO BRITT**
Recorder Correspondent

The Indianapolis Colts began the season's second half as they ended the first half: undefeated and charging full speed towards home field advantage in the playoffs.

The Colts returned to the RCA Dome for their week 10 match up, overcoming special teams' gaffes and the proverbial big game hangover to outlast the hapless Houston Texans.

With their 31-17 victory over the AFC South division foe, the 9-0 Colts have retained their stranglehold on the division and conference lead, not to mention added momentum as they enter the tougher portion of their schedule.

Despite essentially giving the Texans 10 points from punt return errors and what he called "bad luck," head coach Tony Dungy is pleased with the team's overall effort.

"All in all it was a good win for us, I thought we stepped up and made plays when we needed to. That's what good teams do," he said. "Now we can rest up a bit, two games in six days takes something out of you no matter how it goes."

While Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison continue to obliterate the record books, this week becoming the only tandem in league history to connect for over 10,000 yards, it has been the play of Edgerrin James that has powered the Colts' offense all season.

The seventh-year running back is working on a single year contract, but looks better than ever, having already surpassed the 1,000 rushing-yard mark in nine games.

Once again in contention for the rushing title, James' play has warranted consideration not only for team MVP honors, but for the distinction of the league's most valuable player as well.

Though their record does not indicate it, the Colts offense appeared to struggle a bit early in the season, adjusting to defenses prepared to deal with the Colts high-powered passing game.



Edgerrin James has already run for 1,027 yards and nine touchdowns. He's the second leading rusher in the NFL behind Seattle's Shaun Alexander who has recorded 1,114 yards. (Photo/W. Thomas)

Manning and crew have clicked of late, but James' consistent play all season has been the offensive catalyst and complement to a stout Colts defensive effort that few expected this season.

Importantly, James is doing work knowing his days in Indianapolis are likely numbered.

Hard to imagine the Colts triumvirate of James, Manning, and Harrison becoming a two-headed monster; but for James, there are no illusions as to what he and his agent, the now infamous Drew Rosenhaus, must work to address once the season ends.

But a professional that follows his own code of conduct, you will not see James in over the top press conferences in an attempt to force his

organization's hand. His focus, rather, is on doing his job week in and week out.

"I just train and do what I gotta do to make sure I'm ready to play. Whatever happens happens. I ain't really stressing, I ain't tripping off nothing."

Despite getting the dreaded "franchise" designation and single year tender, some can argue that James' career production warrants multiyear dollars in a league where the term "guaranteed money" is oxymoronic. However with cap issues and other priorities for the Colts to address in the off-season, the chances that James will be a career Colt appear slim.

James' situation is reminiscent to that of coach Dungy, during his final days in Tampa Bay. The two have years of productive service to their franchises, but in the business of professional football, loyalty often gives way to direction.

Dungy's future appears bright in Indianapolis, due not only to a solid team, but also due to his professional conduct in addressing a dismissal that in hindsight was questionable at best.

For the pro bowl back, Dungy's example coincides with his own ethics, making a media show such as that his agent performed with Terrell Owens last week highly unlikely.

"This is the business of it," James added. "Let (Rosenhaus and Owens) do what they gotta do, you know, I'm out taking care of me."

This Colts season has been like none other for the Indianapolis franchise. The team has never been a more complete unit. Their unity and determination are at new highs, in large part because their veterans are firmly focused on a common goal, contracts notwithstanding.

As such, talk of James' potential suitors or the Colts '06 plans will have to wait. Instead, fans can sit back and enjoy a trio that rivals any other while it lasts.

Looking ahead

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**
Staff Writer

The Indianapolis Colts are 9-0 but have a long road ahead to remain undefeated. Below is a look at their upcoming opponents.

Week 10 - @ Cincinnati

The Bengal's are achieving heights few thought were possible. They're 7-2 and leading the AFC North thanks to outstanding play by quarterback Carson Palmer, running back Rudi Johnson and wide receiver Chad Johnson. Many experts believe Cincinnati will hand Indy its first loss.

Week 11 - Pittsburgh

The Steelers are fighting Cincinnati for the top spot in the AFC North thanks to key losses to New England and Jacksonville, and injuries to Ben Roethlisberger, Willie Parker and Jerome Bettis.

A Monday Night game at the RCA Dome should give the Colts extra motivation.

Week 12 - Tennessee

It's been a difficult year for the Titans. An ailing team that can't seem to win a game, they have to face Jacksonville and San Francisco before coming to Indy. A win against the Jaguars seems hard to believe but they do have a shot against the 49ers. A win could

motivate the Titans to give the Colts a hard time in the dome.

Week 13 - @ Jacksonville

The Jaguars gave the Colts a scare during week two only losing 10-3. Indianapolis will have to travel to Jacksonville who is currently second behind the Colts in the AFC South. Last year they lost to the Colts in Indianapolis 24-17 then turned around and beat them 27-24 in Jacksonville.

Week 14 - San Diego

The Chargers had a Cinderella year last season going 12-4 but lost to the New York Jets during the Wild Card game.

They lost to Indy 34-31 in overtime last season so revenge is probably on their mind.

LaDainian Tomlinson is arguably the best running back in the NFL and quarterback Drew Brees has already thrown for 2,099 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Week 15 - @ Seattle

The Seahawks are the best team in the NFC West and one of the better teams in the NFC. Currently, they've won five straight games but will have to face the New York Giants and the Philadelphia Eagles before the Colts visit.

Week 16 - Arizona

The Cardinals are currently on a three game losing streak and have only won two games.

The rest of the season doesn't look too good having to face St. Louis, Jacksonville, Washington and Philadelphia before facing the Colts.



Colts rookie, cornerback Marlin Jackson has 23 total tackles for the season. (Photo/W. Thomas)

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Pacers drop heartbreaker, look ahead to long season

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The Indiana Pacers learned a costly lesson on the importance of free throw shooting after a last second heroic by Milwaukee's Maurice Williams lifted the Bucks 103-102 over the Pacers Saturday night at the Bradley Center.

Williams made a 29-foot-3-pointer as time expired. It was the Bucks' only lead of the game.

"It's a tough way to lose," said Pacer coach Rick Carlisle. "I take as much blame for that as anybody. I should have had some other guys in to shoot free throws."

Indiana led by as many as 20 points during the second quarter and was up by eight with less than a minute to play.

During the final 2:01, the Pacers missed 10-of-16 free throws with five players missing at least one. They hit 31-of-47 free throws for the game.

"They played well in the second half," said Pacer guard Fred Jones. "They made big shots late in the game and we didn't convert from the free throw line. They stole one."

The Bucks have "stolen" every one of its four victories having been down by an average of 13.5 points.

Meet Pacer player

Pacer point guard Jamaal Tinsley will be signing autographs at the Verizon Wireless Center located at 10930 Pendleton Pike Saturday, Nov. 19 between 4-5 p.m.



Kings apologize for dissing Detroit

Electronic Urban Report

The Sacramento Kings purchased full-page ads in two newspapers apologizing for showing insulting and offensive images of Detroit on video screens during its home opener against the Pistons.

During pre-game introductions at the Arco Arena, the scoreboard flashed pictures of abandoned buildings, burned-out cars, piles of rubble and other negative images of Detroit, whose team went on to win the game 102-88.

Kings owners Joe and Gavin Maloof apologized that night and bought a full-page ad that ran in Nov. 10 editions of the Detroit News, expressing "great respect for Detroit's long and rich tradition as a landmark American city and the incredibly positive impact the Motor City has made over the course of our country's history."

Minority hiring report card gives more than half of schools Cs, Ds or Fs

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More than half of the 30 schools making football coaching changes last year received grades of "C, D or F" when this year's minority hiring report card was released last week.

This is the third year the Black Coaches Association, which is headquartered in Indianapolis, has issued the report card.

Grades are based on results in categories that include the percentage of minorities involved in the hiring process, the number of minority candidates who received interviews and the schools' contacts with either BCA Executive Director Floyd Keith or the chairman of the NCAA's Minority Opportunity and Interests Committee.

Seventeen schools received

average, below average or failing grades.

But the report showed little change among the number of high-scoring schools in Division I-A. The 2004 report card showed that although only one school actually hired a minority coach, six received overall grades of "A." This year's report card indicates the number of schools receiving an "A" remained about the same, while the number of schools receiving a "B" increased.

In Division I-AA, there was a decline among the top-scoring schools. In 2004, two schools received an "A" compared with none this year, and the number of schools getting a "B" also dropped.

Keith is advising student-athletes to use the report card when making decisions about attending college and

said in a written statement that if there is not significant progress next year, the BCA would consider legal action against schools based on hiring inequity.

Only three Division I-A football programs have Black coaches — Sylvester Croom of Mississippi State, Karl Dorrell of UCLA and Tyrone Willingham of Washington. Willingham, who was fired by Notre Dame last year, was the only Black coach hired this year after the 2004 season.

Lou West, who was hired by Indiana State in January, is the only Black head coach in Division I-AA at a non-historically Black college or institution.

NCAA President Myles Brand has urged athletic directors to take a closer look at minority coaching candidates.

"I think (the victory) shows a lot because it's a sign of resiliency and that we don't give up," said Buck center Jamaal Magloire.

"It's great momentum," adds Williams.

For the Pacers though the fourth quarter break down completely erased its strong start.

Indiana shot nearly 50 percent from the field in the first half while Milwaukee shot only 40 percent.

The loss also obliterated the contributions of Jermaine O'Neal, Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson.

O'Neal ended the game with 27 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots. Artest added 24 points, six rebounds and four steals, and Jackson had 20 points, six rebounds and four assists.

"There have been games like this," said Carlisle. "There isn't much to say. It's just very tough."

But, one thing the Pacers say they know how to do is regroup and rebound.

"We just have to get in the gym and come to work," said Pacer guard Fred Jones who was the unsung hero of the game with 17 points off the bench. "These types of things are going to happen during an 82 game season. We have to realize that it's a long season and just bring a lot of energy in the next game."



Pacer point guard Anthony Johnson scored a season high 19 points in a 102-90 win against New Jersey but failed to score during Indiana's 103-102 in Milwaukee. As the Pacers third option at point guard, Johnson is averaging 4.8 points and 2.5 assists. (Photo/W. Thomas)

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NCAA BASKETBALL

THE ROAD TO INDIANAPOLIS

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
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In 2006, Indianapolis will play host to the nation's largest sporting event next to the Super Bowl – the men's NCAA Final Four.

For fans, the road to the Final Four can end in heartache if the expectations you have for your favorite team isn't met and they get ousted during the first round by a No. 16 seed. It can also be exhilarating watching your favorite squad ball out of control beating every one in their path.

And for the 64 teams who will actually do the balling? The Final Four is as close to heaven on earth that they'll get. It's an emotional roller coaster that is going to end in either victory or defeat.

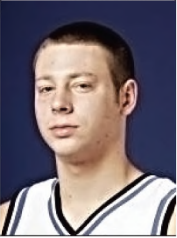
There is only one champion.

Last year it was the North Carolina Tar Heels who sent four of their starting five to the NBA.

Who will be crowned in Indianapolis?

The best of the best

ACC



1. Duke: Coach K and his crew were picked No. 1 in the preseason poll and rightfully so. Led by sharp shooter J.J. Redick and "The Bulldozer" Sheldon Williams, and with a talented supporting cast the Blue Devils are looking as good as ever.

Keep an eye on: Josh McRoberts

2. Boston College: The Eagles went 25-5 last season but lost to the surprising Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the second round. This year they have enough returning talent to last longer during the tournament though they will need significant contributions from the freshmen and sophomores.

Keep an eye on: Craig Smith

3. Maryland: The Terps missed the tournament last year for the first time since 1993. I don't expect that to happen this year because they're deep and talented. The only key loss was guard John Gilchrist but he was the cause of a lot of chemistry problems.

Keep an eye on: Chris McCray

Big 12



1. Texas: The Longhorns made it through a difficult season without two of their best players – P.J. Tucker and LeMarcus Aldridge – and still made the tournament. Now that the best are back losing in the first round to Nevada is not an option.

Keep an eye on: P.J. Tucker

2. Oklahoma: Four starters are returning for the Sooners including the top three scorers and rebounders, and Big 12 New Comer of the Year Taj Gray. Coach Kelvin Sampson has to be excited.

Keep an eye on: Taj Gray

3. Kansas: The Jayhawks are entering the season in uncharted territory. After being upset by Bucknell during the first round, they also lost six of its top seven scorers. It's a rebuilding year but they still have a chance to make the tourney.

Keep an eye on: C.J. Giles

Big East

1. Villanova: The Wildcats are stacked this season. They're returning every player from their run in the tournament, which included a first round defeat of New Mexico, a second round defeat upset of Florida and a one-point loss to North Carolina.

Keep an eye on: Curtis Sumpter



2. Connecticut: You didn't think the Huskies would stay quiet for too long did you? They're back and Josh Boone and Rudy Gay are ready to lead UConn deep in the tournament.

Keep an eye on: Rudy Gay

3. Syracuse: The Orange biggest loss

Ericka's Final Four



Josh McRoberts

was Hakim Warrick though they also lost starters Craig Forth and Josh Pace. But Jim Boeheim will not let his players give up. He'll challenge them and I think they'll answer.

Keep an eye on: Gerry McNamara

Big Ten



1. Michigan State: Tom Izzo realizes he doesn't have the depth he had last year that took the Spartans to the Final Four but they have talent, veteran leadership and experience. Sometimes that's all you need.

Keep an eye on: Shannon Brown

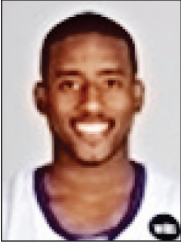
2. Iowa: The Hawkeyes have four returning starters and a coach (Steve Alford) who wants to prove something to the people who wrote him off. With the big losses in Illinois and Wisconsin, this is Iowa's year to climb the ladder.

Keep an eye on: Mike Henderson

3. Indiana: Big man D.J. White is out for a while but with the addition of Marco Killingsworth the Hoosiers should be able to maintain until he's back healthy. The Hoosiers also have an impressive backcourt led by Robert Vaden. The Big 10 title will be in their reach.

Keep an eye on: D.J. White

Conference USA



1. Memphis: The Tigers are as good a team as Duke, Michigan State and Villanova. But will they realize their potential? Their three best players – Darius Washington Jr., Rodney Carney and Waki Williams – are all NBA prospects. This could be a special year.

Keep an eye on: Darius Washington Jr.

2. UAB: The Blazers lost to Arizona in the second round and also lost a lot of scoring losing three seniors. But they return 10 players so a fourth straight trip to the tournament is highly possible.

Keep an eye on: Carldell "Squeaky" Johnson

3. Houston: The Cougars accomplished a lot last season though they missed the tournament and lost in the first round of the NIT. Returning the bulk of the roster, which includes

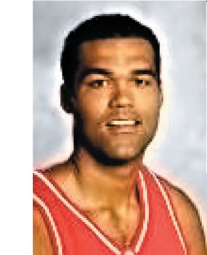


1. Duke 2. Texas 3. Michigan State 4. Villanova

a lot of experience I think they can make another run.

Keep an eye on: Jahmar Thorpe

Pac 10



1. Arizona: The loss of Channing Frye and Salim Stoudamire are huge and the biggest question is how to replace them? If anybody knows how to replace talent it's Lute Olsen. Isaiah Fox, Hasaan Adams, Mustafah Shakur, Ivan Radenovic and Chris Rodgers will have to carry the load.

Keep an eye on: Isaiah Fox

2. Stanford: The Cardinals have a legitimate shot at the Pac-10 title. They have solid veterans in Chris Hernandez, Dan Grunfeld and Matt Haryasz. Stanford should be a lot better than last season's 18-13 record.

Keep an eye on: Chris Hernandez

3. UCLA: The Bruins have a roster filled with a lot of freshmen and sophomores but there is a lot whispering going on in California. They'll have to find scoring now that Dijon Thompson won't be on the court but a trip to the tournament shouldn't be out of the question.

Keep an eye on: Jordan Farmer

SEC



1. Kentucky: The Wildcats were supposed to be contending for the national title but losing Chuck Hayes, Keleenna Azubuike and Randolph Morris (who applied for reinstatement and could be back) put them on the hot seat. Still, Kentucky is explosive in the backcourt and Tubby Smith is one of the best coaches in the NCAA.

Keep an eye on: Rajon Rondo

2. LSU: The Tigers often go under the radar during the season but still make the tournament. The loss of Brandon Bass is a cause for concern for LSU but other SEC teams should be aware of Tasmin Mitchell, Glen Davis and Darrel Mitchell because they'll help the Tigers contend for the SEC title.

Keep an eye on: Tasmin Mitchell

Other key teams in conferences

Atlantic 10

- 1. George Washington
- 2. Charlotte
- 3. Xavier

MAC

- 1. Ohio
- 2. Western Michigan
- 3. Bowling Green

Mountain West

- 1. San Diego State
- 2. TCU
- 3. New Mexico

WAC

- 1. Nevada
- 2. New Mexico State
- 3. Boise State

WCC

- 1. Gonzaga
- 2. Loyola Marymount
- 3. Santa Clara



Teams flying under the radar

1. Ohio - The Bobcats have enough talent to surprise a lot of teams. They have size, speed and a chip on their shoulder from losing to Florida in the tournament.

2. San Diego State - Though there isn't a lot of talent in the Mountain West I think if you put the Aztecs in the Big Ten, the ACC or the Pac 10 they'll compete, and win.

3. Oregon - Missing out on the tournament last year should serve as motivation for the Ducks. They're returning most of the talent and with experience comes wins. I don't think they'll miss the tourney this year.